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MINUTES

OF THE

SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February the 7th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Zebulun Potts,	Richard Willing,	
James Read,	George Woods,	
William Maclay,	John Cannon, and	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	

Upon the petition of Isaac Franks, of the city of Philadelphia, praying Council to appoint him a Notary and Tabellion Public, and also a recommendation of him as a person well qualified to execute the duties of that office from a number of citizens,

Resolved, That the said Isaac Franks be appointed a Notary and Tabellion Public in and for the said Commonwealth, and he was commissionated accordingly.

Anthony Carothers and Jacob Winck, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace, the former for the district of the township of New Providence, Limerick, and Skippack, in the county of Montgomery, and the latter for the district of the township of Belfast, in the county of Bedford, upon returns made according to law from the said several districts.

Anthony Carothers, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated as Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Montgomery.

On motion to grant commissions to Mason Fitz Alden and Abraham Nesbitt, who were returned by the Lieutenant of Luzerne county, in November, 1787, as officers in the first battalion of militia of that county.

Ordered, That commissions issue to Mason Fitz Alden as Captain, and Abraham Nesbitt as Lieutenant of foot in the said battalion.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February the 9th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable	Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esq'rs.
	William Maclay,	Richard Willing,	
	Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
	James Read,	Nathan Dennison, and	
	John Cannon,	Amos Gregg,	
	George Woods,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Comptroller General, ending the thirteenth of January last.

A letter from Thomas Fitzsimmons, Esquire, member of the General Assembly, requesting the appointment of a Committee of Council, to confer with the Committee of Ways and Means, respecting the provision necessary to be made for the payment of pensioners, &c., was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Miles, Mr. Smith, Mr. Willing, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Maclay, be a Committee to confer with the said Committee of Ways and Means.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 10th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	Richard Willing,	
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
John Cannon,	Nathan Dennison, and	
George Woods,	Amos Gregg,	

Upon the petition of Eleanor Glass, convicted of keeping a disorderly house in this city, and now confined in the workhouse, praying remission of the punishment at hard labour, to which she was sentenced for the said offence,

Resolved, That her punishment at hard labour in the workhouse be remitted. The further hearing of objections to the confirmation of the report of the commissioners for regulating the district of Southwark and townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, was postponed until Friday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 11th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esq'rs.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Amos Gregg,	John Cannon,	
Christopher Kucher,	Abraham Smith, and	
Richard Willing,	George Woods,	
William Maclay,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Charles Biddle, Esquire, Secretary, for the sum of nine pounds and nine pence, to reimburse him for money advanced to James Dunwoodie, the Express, who was employed to ride to the counties of Washington, Westmoreland, Fayette, &c., to bring to Council the returns of Electors.

Mr. Willing, Mr. Maclay, Mr. Smith, Mr. Watt and Mr. Miles, were appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee of the General Assembly on the subject of the letter from General Knox, and Mr. Miles, Mr. Smith and Mr. Maclay, were also appointed to confer with a Committee of the House upon the subject of Mr. Scott's resignation.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 12th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison,	
Christopher Kucher,	Abraham Smith,	
Richard Willing,	George Woods,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Elliott, for four pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for board-

ing John Franklin, a State prisoner, from the third to the thirty-first of January, 1789, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 13th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Christopher Kucher,	Abraham Smith,	
William Maclay,	George Woods,	
Richard Willing,	Amos Gregg,	

The Attorney General appearing in Council, and informing the Board that, by the instructions he received the twentieth ultimo, respecting the suit brought by the Commonwealth against the Executors of Messrs. Stocker and Wharton, he is only authorised to indemnify the defendants from the demands of Davidson and Lees, and that they should be indemnified against all others.

Resolved, That the Attorney General be authorized to engage, on the part of this Commonwealth, in case of a recovery on this suit, to indemnify the defendants from any demands of Davidson and Lees, and all other persons whatsoever.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Miles, for one hundred and six pounds nine shillings and two pence, being a balance due to him by the State, agreeably to a decree of the Supreme Court in January last, upon an appeal of Colonel Miles to the said Court, from the settlement of his accounts by the Comptroller General, together with costs of suit.

In favor of Captain John Morrell, for two pounds eight shillings, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the city and Liberties of Philadelphia, in full of his account for gun powder used upon the birth-day of General Washington.

Joseph Kenne, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace, and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Luzerne, upon the return made according to law from the third district, in the said county.

On motion, it was

Resolved, To postpone the further consideration of the report of the Commissioners appointed to regulate the districts of Southwark, and townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk.

Upon consideration of the report of the Committee to whom was referred the application of Anthony Butler, in behalf of Messieurs John Penn, Junior, and John Penn,

Resolved, That warrants issue on the Treasurer in favor of John Penn, Junior, and John Penn, Esquires, for the several instalments of the one hundred and thirty thousand pounds sterling reported by the Comptroller General to be due to them respectively, payable out of the funds appropriated for that purpose by an act of Assembly, entituled "An Act for furnishing the quota of this State towards paying the annual interests of the debts of the United States, and for funding and redeeming the interest of the public debts of this State," passed the sixteenth day of March, 1785.

The fine of ten pounds to the Commonwealth adjudged to be paid by Robert Hiddleson, of the county of Chester, upon his being convicted at the last Court of Quarter Sessions held in that county, of fornication and bastardy, was remitted, upon his petition and a recommendation from a number of the inhabitants of Chester county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 14th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAN MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Zebulun Potts,	George Woods,	
Amos Gregg,	Abraham Smith,	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison,	
William Maclay,		

Upon consideration of the report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition from Stephen Jenkins, praying remission of the fine and imprisonment to which he was sentenced for a riot by the last Court of Oyer and Terminer, held in Luzerne county,

Resolved, That the remainder of his punishment by imprisonment be remitted, and that the Prothonotary of the said county be directed to take the said Jenkins's security for the payment of the fine of one hundred dollars, to be recovered against him, when orders for that purpose shall be given by Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 16th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,
Richard Willing,	William Maclay,
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison,
James Read,	George Woods,
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watt and
Abraham Smith,	John Smilie, (now returned)

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Abraham Smith, Esquire, for fifty-two pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council from December the seventh, 1788, untill February the sixteenth, 1789, inclusively.

William Haslet, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Chester, upon a return made according to law for the district of the townships of West Caln, Sadsbury, and West Fallowfield, in the said county.

Upon the second reading of a certificate of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Northumberland county, (received and read in Council August the twenty-sixth, 1788,) that the division which has been made of the district of the Loyalsoc and Washington townships, for a more convenient election of Justices of the Peace is necessary, and will be usefull,

Ordered, That the said division be confirmed.

Upon the petition and recommendation in favor of Jacob Hugley, praying remission of the fine of fifty pounds, which was imposed upon him by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cumberland county, for an assault and battery;

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 17th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Richard Willing,	Nathan Dennison,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	George Woods,	
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	John Smilie, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
William McClay,		

The report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from Thomas Scott, Esquire, with the proceedings of the General Assembly thereon, was read and adopted as follows, vizt:

Resolved, That the letter from Thomas Scott, Esquire, of the twentieth of January last, together with the proceedings of the General Assembly on the same, be transmitted by the earliest opportunity to the said Thomas Scott, with an intimation that it would be agreeable to Council if he would endeavour to serve during the first session of Congress, or untill his place can be supplied without expence to the State at the next annual election.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the order of Orphans' Court of the county of Northumberland, for granting to the widow of Lemuel Lewis, twelve shillings per month from January, 1781, to the present time,

Resolved, That the direction of the said Orphans' Court cannot be complied with, it appearing by the Comptroller General's report that the said Samuel Lewis, was not in actual service at the time of his death.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 18th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Amos Gregg,	George Woods,	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathan Dennison,	
William Maclay,	John Smilie,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Francis Bailey, for ninety-four pounds four shillings and six pence, in full of his account for advertiseing in the Free-

man's Journal, the tax lists of non-seated lands in the counties of Bucks, Bedford, Franklin, Fayette, and Huntingdon, for the years 1787 and 1788, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of John Biddle, for eighty-five pounds five shillings and three, amount of his account for rations supplied the Invalid Guard, in the month of November and December, 1788, and January, 1789, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Captain John Smith, for fourteen pounds five shillings, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Chester, being amount of an account of pay due to Lieutenant and three privates of his company of Chester county militia, for militia service in September, 1781, according to the Comptroller General's report.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow Council will take into consideration the case of Charles Read, now confined in the jail of this city under sentence of death, for murder.

Upon the second reading of the petition and recommendation in favor of Matthew Hare, of Montgomery county, praying remission of the fine of ten pounds, which has been imposed upon him by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the said county, upon his being convicted of fornication,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

The several fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the Commonwealth by James Spence, James Murphy, and John Gibbons, now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia for larceny; and the fine of David Griffiths, confined in the same jail for an assault and battery, were also remitted upon their several petitions.

Petitions from John Lovely, Michael Rinn and Jacob Drayer, now confined in the jail of this city, praying remission of their fines and punishment at hard labour, to be released from confinement; and also a petition from the Invalid Guards, praying that Captain McLean may be restored to the command of the said Guard, were read the second time and dismissed.

A petition from Messieurs Brown and Shortall, praying Council to grant them an order for forty-four pounds three shillings and one penny, payable out of the money which is said to be due to the children of Captain William Shippen, to pay them for lumber furnished to the guardian of the said children, for their use, was read the second time; and thereupon

Resolved, That Council cannot grant the prayer of the said petition, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw the same.

Petitions from Thomas McCormick and Thomas Jones, disabled soldiers, late of the army of the United States, stating their distressed situation and praying Council to grant them some relief, were read and referred to the Comptroller General to report thereon.

Petitions from William Augustus Patterson, late of the said army, and from George Palmer, late of the State Navy, praying relief, were read; and on consideration

Resolved, That Council cannot grant to the petitioners the relief prayed for, and that they have leave to withdraw their petitions.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 19th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Jame Read,	George Woods,	
Richard Willing,	John Smilie,	
Amos Gregg,	Christopher Kucher,	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts, and	
William Maclay,	Nathan Dennison,	

Council took into consideration the case of Charles Read, convicted of murder at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held in the city of Philadelpnia for the county of Philadelphia, and now confined in the jail of the said county under sentence of death for the said crime, and the transcript of the record of his conviction being read, it was thereupon

Resolved, That a warrant issue under the lesser seal, commanding the Sheriff of the said county to execute the sentence of the said court upon him the said Charles Read, on Saturday the twenty-eighth of this present month, at the usual place of execution.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 20th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	George Woods,	
Richard Willing,	John Smilie,	
James Read,	Christopher	
William Maclay,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 21st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	George Woods,	
Richard Willing,	John Smilie,	
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
William Maclay,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for forty-seven pounds five shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the twentieth day of December, 1788, untill February the twenty-first, 1789, inclusively.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition from Colonel Christian Febiger, of the third instant, praying Council to direct the Treasurer to discount the sum of one hundred and twelve pounds thirteen shillings and two pence, out of interest due to him upon his certificates, to pay a ballance due by him to the State upon his quarterly account, as Auctioneer of the Northern Liberties.

Resolved, That it would be improper for this Board to grant the request of Colonel Febiger, contained in the said petition.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 23rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	George Woods,	
Amos Gregg,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	Christopher Kucher,	
William Maclay,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Richard Willing,	Nathan Dennison,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Tench Coxe, Esquire, for ninety pounds, in full for his attendance as a Delegate from this State to Congress untill the sixteenth of this month, inclusively.

And in favor of the Honorable Richard Peters, Esquire, and Mr. John Curwen for three pounds, in full of their account of cash advanced by them to Nathan Gibson and B. Cochran, for surveying Jones's lane, agreeably to instructions from Council dated July the nineteenth, 1788.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 24th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Richard Willing,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	
Zebulun Potts,	Nathan Dennison, and	
William Maclay,	Amos Gregg,	

Upon consideration of the report of the Committee to whom were referred the several applications for payments of rewards for apprehending Luzerne county rioters,

Resolved, That an order be drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Matthias Hollenback, for the sum of five hundred dollars, being the amount of the several rewards offered by Proclamation of Council, dated the eighth day of July last, for apprehending Aaron Killburn, Joseph Killburn, Zebulun Cady, Nathan Abbott and Benjamin Abbott, to be by him paid to the several persons concerned in taking the said rioters according to their several shares therein.

Resolved, That no reward be paid for apprehending Darius Parks.

On motion,

Resolved, That the representation of Mr. Woods, relative to the conduct of the Surveyor General in depriving him of part of his district, be sent to the Surveyor General.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 25th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	George Woods,	
Abraham Smith,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	Christopher Kucher,	
Richard Willing,	Nathan Dennison, and	
William Maclay,	Amos Gregg,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Matthias Hollenback, Esquire, for four pounds seventeen shillings and two pence, amount of his account for carriage of fifty stand of musquets from Lancaster to Wioming by the way of Middletown, and for cash paid to George Fry for storing the same.

Upon consideration of the several petitions and recommendations in favor of Benjamin Williams and Nicholas Yundt, the former convicted of an assault and battery, and the latter for fornication and bastardy, in the county of Lancaster, for remission of their fines,

Resolved, That the several fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the Commonwealth by the said Benjamin Williams and Nicholas Yundt, upon their being convicted as aforesaid, be remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of His Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, for three hundred and seventy-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as President of the State, for which sum he is to account.

Upon consideration of the report of the Committee, to whom was referred the return of an election of Justices of the Peace, lately held in the second district of the county of Luzerne,

Resolved, That the election for Justices of the Peace, held on the twentieth day of January last, in the second district of the county of Luzerne, was not conducted according to law, and therefore, that the proceedings at said election, and the return thereof be quashed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 26th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,	George Woods,	
Frederick Watt,	William Maclay,	
Richard Willing,	John Smilie, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	

Robert McIlhaney, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace, and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of York, upon a return made according to law from the district of the townships of Germany and Mountjoy in the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 27th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,	George Woods,	
Frederick Watt,	William Maclay, and	
Richard Willing,	John Smilie,	
Christopher Kucher,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Maclay, Esquire, for thirty-one pounds two shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the twenty-sixth day of January, until the twenty-seventh day of February, 1789, inclusively.

Upon the verbal report of the Committee to whom it was referred to consider of and report to Council, on the propriety of granting credentials to the Senators and Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States,

Resolved, That no farther order be taken by Council thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 28th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Abraham Smith,	
Frederick Watt,	George Woods,	
Nathan Dennison,	William Maclay, and	
John Smilie,	David Redick,	

Upon the report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition from Joseph Perkins and Abraham Morrow,

Resolved, That an order be drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Joseph Perkins, for one hundred and nineteen pounds nineteen shillings, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the city and liberties of Philadelphia, being the amount of his account for repairing arms belonging to the city and liberties of Philadelphia, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report of the fourteenth day of February instant.

Upon consideration of a letter received from his Excellency William Livingston, Esquire, Governor of the State of New Jersey, demanding that a certain Andrew Allen, now in the custody of the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, and who stands charged with a forgery committed in the said State, be delivered up, in order to be removed to the State of New Jersey, having jurisdiction of his offence,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be authorized and directed to deliver up the said Andrew Allen to the order of the Honorable David Brearly, Esquire, Chief Justice of New Jersey, in order that he may be removed to the said State, to answer for the said offence.

Eleazer Jenkins, Esquire, was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Washington, upon a return made according to law, for the district of the township of Bethlehem, in the said county.

Two petitions, one from Charles Read, now confined in the jail of this city, under sentence of death for murder, and the other from his mother, Ann Read Wardel, praying a pardon of the said offence, accompanied by a recommendation of him for mercy from the jury and a number of citizens, were laid before the Board and read. A letter from the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court, requesting that a reprieve might be issued for the prisoner until Saturday, the fourteenth day of March next, was also received

and read. Council taking into consideration the said request of the Judges, it was thereupon

Resolved, To reprieve the said Charles Read until Saturday, the fourteenth day of March next; and the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia was instructed accordingly.

On motion,

Resolved, That agreeably to the supplement to the act of Assembly intituled An Act to alter and amend an act intituled An Act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace throughout this State, &c., passed the twenty-seventh day of February, 1788, the inhabitants of the district in which the town of Sunbury is situate (in the county of Northumberland) are intitled to and shall be allowed a third Justice of the Peace, upon an election of such Justice being held within the said district by the freeholders thereof, and return made to Council according to law.

Upon application of James Dinwiddie, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for twenty-five pounds six shillings and three pence, ballance due upon his account for riding express to the western counties to bring to Council the returns of Electors.

On motion,

Resolved, That a præcept be now issued for holding a new election of Justices of the Peace in the second district of the county of Luzerne on the fourteenth day of April next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 2nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	George Woods,	
Amos Gregg,	Christopher Kucher,	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison, and	
John Smilie,	David Redick,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Robert Martin, Esquire, for twenty-seven pounds ten shillings, amount of his account for his services and expences in attending at Wyoming in the year 1784, by direction of Council, to quiet the disturbances at that place, according to the Comptroller General's report.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Griffith Evans, for seven shillings and one penny, for writing paper furnished by him and used by the Commissioners for ascertaining the claims of settlers at and near Wyoming.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report and an Act of Assembly dated the twentieth of March, 1780, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mary Cline Smith, for forty-eight pounds ten shillings, being her pension from July, 1780, until August the seventh, 1788, as adjudged to her by the Orphans' Court of Northumberland county, in right of her late husband, Baltzer Kline Smith, late private in the militia of said county.

Colonel Willing was appointed to attend the Board of Property for the present month, Doctor Gregg, whose turn it was, not having it in his power to attend this month.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 3rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Richard Willing,	
Amos Gregg,	George Woods,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennison, Esquire, for twenty-four pounds, in full for his attendance from January the twenty-eighth until the twenty-eighth of February, 1789, inclusively.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for fourteen pounds two shillings, in full for his attendance as doorkeeper to Council from the first until the twenty-eighth day of February, 1789, inclusively, and cash paid for sweeping two chimneys.

Absalom Baird and John Douglass, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace, the former for the district of the town of Washington, and the latter for the district of the township of Peters, in the county of Washington, upon returns made according to law from the said districts.

The said Absalom Baird and John Douglass, Esquires, were also appointed and commissionated Justices of the Court of Commonpleas in and for the said county of Washington.

Mr. Miles, Mr. Smith, Mr. Dennison, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Redick, were appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the General Assembly and the Judges of the Supreme Court, on the case of John Franklin a state prisoner in the jail of this city.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Lewis Nichola, Esquire, for thirty-nine pounds seven shillings and six pence, being one month's pension due to the Invalid Guard, according to the Comptroller General's report and an act of Assembly, dated the twenty-second day of September, 1785.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 4th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	David Redick,	
Amos Gregg,	George Woods,	
Richard Willing,	John Smilie, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watts,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Frederick Antes, Esquire, of Northumberland county, for the sum of two pounds twelve shillings and four pence, State money of the emission of April, 1781, and the sum of fourteen pounds two shillings, of the last emission of paper money, being the ballance due upon the settlement of his accounts as late Treasurer of the said county, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, for the sum of seven pounds, being the expences of the Honorable Judge Atlee in coming to and returning from a Supreme Court and a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held at Philadelphia in January last, according to the certificate of the Judges of the Supreme Court, dated the fifth day of February last.

In favor of Lord Butler, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Luzerne, for ten pounds twelve shillings, amount of his account for Sheriff's fees and expences for carrying John Franklin a State prisoner from Easton, in the county of Northampton, to Wyoming, in the county of Luzerne, and for bringing him back to Easton.

In favor of James Elliott, for the sum of four pounds ten shillings, amount of his account for boarding John Franklin, a State prisoner, in the month of February, 1789, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon consideration of the petition and recommendation in favor of William Jones, for remission of the fine to the Commonwealth and the punishment at hard labour to which he has been sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Washington, upon being convicted of larceny,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Upon the petition of John Tate, convicted in the county of Bedford, of an assault and battery upon a certain Samuel Crossan, junior, and Thomas Crossan, of the county aforesaid, praying remission of the fines of twenty pounds and two pounds ten shillings to which he has been sentenced for the said offence,

Resolved, That the fine aforesaid be remitted.

A petition from William Price, praying Council to direct the settlement of the account of Jacob Rudolph for the pay of his company of Chester county militia, for militia services in 1777, was read and referred to the Comptroller General to report thereon.

The Comptroller General's report upon the several petitions of Thomas McCormick and Thomas Jones, disabled soldiers late of the army of the United States, were received and read, and on consideration it was,

Resolved, That Council cannot grant the relief prayed for, and that the said Thomas McCormick and Thomas Jones have leave to withdraw their several petitions.

The petition of Mary Blair, of Cumberland county, praying Council to direct that the order which she received upon the militia fines of said county may be made payable out of the common treasury, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition cannot be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw the same.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 5th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick, and	
Richard Willing,	Frederick Watts,	

A petition from Henry Ream, Deputy Surveyor of a district of the county of Lancaster, praying that the townships of Bart, Little Britain, Drumore, Lancaster, Manor and Conestogoe, may be annexed to his district, was read, and an order taken that the said petition be referred to the Surveyor General to take order thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 6th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	George Woods,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison,	
Frederick Watt,	John Smilie, and	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick,	

The committee to whom was referred the account and vouchers of Evan Owen, for the expence of opening and clearing the Nescopeck road, delivered in a report, which was read, and on motion and by special order, the same was read the second time, and adopted, as follows, vizt:

The committee to whom was referred the account of Evan Owen, beg leave to report:

That it appears to your committee that Council, by their act of April the seventh, 1787, did appoint Evan Owen to mark the best rout for the public road provided for by act of Assembly of the twenty-ninth day of March, in the same year, intituled "An Act for opening a road between the river Susquehanna, at the falls of

Nescopeck, and the Lehigh, at or near the Union Sawmill." That it further appears by act of Council of June the twenty-third, 1788, that the said Evan Owen was appointed to open the said road, leading from the falls of Nescopeck to the Lehigh, to be made sixty feet wide; that it further appears, that one hundred and fifty pounds only has been appropriated by law for the purposes aforesaid, and that the account of the said Evan Owen amounts to two hundred and thirty-one pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence, a difference of eighty-one pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence; therefore your committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the account of Evan Owen, with the vouchers and extracts of the several acts of Council relative thereto, be transmitted to the Honorable General Assembly.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of the members of Assembly from the county of Northampton, praying that Thomas Hartman might be removed from the offices of Justices of the Peace and Justice of the Court of Common Pleas,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition cannot be complied with.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 7th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President,
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Chris. Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	David Redick,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison, and	
George Woods,	Richard Willing,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 9th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	David Redick,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing, and	
George Woods,	Zebulun Potts,	

Mr. Dennison laid before the Board an account of sundry articles of necessary cloathing furnished to John Franklin, a State prisoner, agreeably to the minute of the seventh instant, amounting to four pounds sixteen shillings; which being read, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Dennison, for the said sum, to enable him to pay for the said cloathing.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 10th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	David Redick,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison, and	
George Woods,	Richard Willing,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Messrs. Dunlap and Claypoole, for the sum of sixty-three pounds fifteen shillings and four pence, amount of their account for printing done for Council, and for stationary and newspapers, furnished for their use between the eighth day of January and December seventeenth, 1788.

In favor of William Bradford, Junior, for two hundred and twenty-nine pounds three shillings and four pence, being eleven months' salary as Attorney General of the State, from the thirty-first day of March, 1788. till the first of March, 1789.

Upon consideration of the report of the Committee to whom it was referred to ascertain the value of the lots in the reserved tract of land opposite Pittsburgh, occupied by Daniel Elliott,

Resolved, That the out lots, No. 23 and 24, containing eighteen acres and sixty-eight perches of land, be valued at seven pounds five shillings and nine pence per acre in certificates; and the out lot, number 272, containing ten acres, at five pounds per acre in certificates; and that a patent issue for the said out lots, No. 23 No. 24 and 272, together with the annexed town lots, to West Elliott, agreeably to the request of Daniel Elliott, upon payment of the valuation aforesaid.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be instructed to settle the amount of James Dinwidde at eighteen shillings and nine pence specie per diem, for his services as an Express to the western counties, agreeably to the minute of Council of the twenty-seventh of December, 1788.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 11th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	Christopher Kucher,	
Richard Willing,	Nathan Dennison,	
Frederick Watt,	John Smilie,	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick,	

Agreeably to the reports of the several Committee, to whom were referred the accounts of Messieurs Stephen Balliett and William Armstrong, and of Brigadier General John Lacy.

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt: One in favor of Messieurs Stephen Balliett and William Armstrong, for one hundred and seventy-three pounds five shillings and four pence, for their services and expences as Commissioners appointed agreeably to resolution of Assembly dated March 27th, 1788, to ascertain the quantity and quality of the land at and near Wyoming, in Luzerne county, claimed by Pennsylvania owners; and the other in favor of Brigadier General John Lacey, for one hundred and sixty-four pounds ten shillings and one penny, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines, amount of his account for a ballance of his pay and rations as Brigadier General of militia in 1778, and of his aids, &ca., for two horses in actual service taken by the enemy, for monies received and paid by him to Commissioners for purchasing supplies for the army, and for sundry expences in collect-

ing horses for the army in the year 1780, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon consideration of the report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Westmoreland county, containing complaints of oppressive conduct in the Prothonotarys of said county,

Resolved, That previous to Councils going into an investigation of the complaints against the said Prothonotary, the complainants be directed to furnish to the Board, in writing, the particular charges alluded to in their petition, and the evidence they have to adduce in support thereof.

Upon the petition of James Doran, confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, stating that he was convicted of larceny in March, 1787, and sentenced to two years' hard labor, and to pay to the Commonwealth a fine of thirty shillings, praying remission of the said fine,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

Upon consideration of the report of the Committee to whom was referred the representation of the Comptroller General, respecting some part of the estate of Andrew Elliott forfeited to the Commonwealth, which remains unsold,

Resolved, That such part of Andrew Elliott's estate which has been duly forfeited to this Commonwealth, and has not already been disposed of, be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, according to law.

On motion,

Resolved, That Amos Gregg, Richard Willing, Abraham Smith, Zebulun Potts and Nathan Dennison, be appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee of the General Assembly appointed to examine the accounts of the Comptroller General.

Agreeably to the minute of Council of the fourth instant, the Comptroller General made report upon the petition of William Price, which was then referred to him; and the same being read and considered,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition aforesaid cannot be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw the same.

A petition from Barnet Jacobs, praying Council to direct a settlement of his account for money advanced to a recruiting officer in the year 1777, and a petition from Hannah Koller, of the county of Berks, praying remission of some arrearages of tavern licence fees and excise, which are due from her to the State, were read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Council cannot grant the prayer of the petitioners, and that they have leave to withdraw their several petitions.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 12th, 1789.

PRESENT :

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	George Woods,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison,	
Richard Willing,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James R. Read, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-three pounds fifteen shillings, being the ballance due upon his account for his pay as a Delegate from this State to Congress, according to the Comptroller General's report.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Scull, for twenty shillings, in full of his account for inserting in the Pittsburgh Gazette, an advertisement of the time of opening the donation Land Office, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report and the minute of Council of the tenth instant, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Dunwiddc, for the sum of ten pounds seventeen shillings and one pence, in full for his pay as an express sent to the Western countries to collect the returns of electors.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition and recommendation in favor of William Stewart, Aaron Lytle, James Ross, James McClellan, John Donat, Josias Gamble, Samuel Agnew, Robert Ralston, William Campbell, Joseph Wells, Samuel Hanna, and John Rankin, for remission of the fines which have been imposed upon them by the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in the county of Washington, upon their being convicted severally of a riot in said county,

Resolved, That the several fines due to the Commonwealth imposed upon the petitioners as aforesaid, be remitted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the commanding officer of the Artillery be authorized to provide such articles as are wanted to compleat the ordinance stores of the Artillery battalion, to any amount not exceeding the sum of fifty pounds, in paper money of the emission of 1785.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Vice President, Samuel Miles, Richard Willing, Abraham Smith, and John Smilie, be a committee to consider

of and report to Council the most respectfull mode or manner of receiving General Washington, and if necessary, an estimate of the probable expence thereof.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 13th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	George Woods,	
Richard Willing,	Nathan Dennison,	
Frederick Watt,	Christopher Kueher, and	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick,	
John Smilie,		

A letter from the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court informing Council that having re-considered the verdict of the jury against Charles Read, now under sentence of death, and also the cases cited by his Counsel, they are still of opinion that the facts proved on the trial, support the verdict for murder, was received and read.

A petition from Samuel Allinson, of the State of New Jersey, guardian of the said Charles Read, praying a further reprieve for the prisoner, was also received and read; and it being represented to Council that the mother of the said Charles Read has been taken ill of a fever, and it is apprehended that she cannot survive the execution of her son should it take place to-morrow; thereupon,

Resolved, That a further reprieve be granted to the said Charles Read, untill Saturday the twenty-first day of the present month, on which day the sentence of the Court is certainly to be executed upon him.

The committee appointed on the twelfth instant to consider of and report the most respectfull mode of receiving the President General, &ca., reported verbally as follows, vizt: That an address be prepared by the President of the State to be presented to his Excellency on his arrival, by Council.

That an estimate produced by the President, of the expence of an escort of militia, amounting to the sum of one hundred and ninety-nine pounds seven shillings and six pence, be laid before the General Assembly, accompanied by a letter from the President.

That it be recommended to the citizens of Philadelphia not to illuminate their windows on the evening of the President General's arrival; whereupon, it was

Resolved, To adopt the said report, and a letter was accordingly written to the Speaker of the General Assembly in the following words, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, March 13th, 1789.

Sir:—I have the honor of enclosing to you an estimate of the expences of an escort of militia which Council wish may be provided for his Excellency the President of the United States through this State. They hope that the Honorable the General Assembly will concur with them in opinion, that the escort proposed will be highly proper, and that it will be necessary to appropriate by law the sum of one hundred and ninety-nine pounds seven shillings and six pence specie, for that purpose.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your most obedient and very humble servant,

THOMAS MIFFLIN, Pre't.

Honorable Richard Peters, Esquire, Speaker of the General Assembly.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for seventy-five pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on this day as Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and in the Admiralty Sessions of this State.

The Council met.

Philadelphia, Saturday, March 14th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable George Ross, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison,	
Richard Willing,	Christopher Kucher,	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts,	
David Redick,	George Woods,	

On motion,

Resolved, That Ephraim Douglass, Esquire, be appointed an Agent for the sale of such estates as have become forfeited to the use of the Commonwealth in the county of Fayette, by the attainder of divers traitors, under act of Assembly of March the sixth, 1778.

Upon the second reading of the report of the committee to whom it was referred to consider of and report to Council the names of suitable persons "to view and mark out a road between Bedford

and Pittsburgh, by the nearest courses and most practicable ground," agreeably to resolution of Assembly of the twenty-first day of November, 1788.

Resolved, That Alexander McLean, James Guthrie and John Skinner, be and they are hereby appointed to view and mark out a road as before mentioned, and make report of their proceedings to Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Vice President, Mr. Woods, Mr. Redick and Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Smith, be a committee to confer with a committee of the General Assembly, on the subject of the resolution of the House of the twenty-first of November last, relative to the said road, and to report to Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That Tuesday next be assigned for the consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Richard Wells, relative to the Comptroller General and Naval Officer.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 16th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	
Christopher Kucher,	George Woods,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Nathan Dennison,	Amos Gregg,	

On motion,

Resolved, That a new warrant, under the lesser seal, be now issued, authorizing and commanding the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia to execute the sentence of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, held in January last in and for the county of Philadelphia, upon Charles Read, on Saturday the twenty-first day of the present month, for the crime of which he was convicted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 17th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Amos Gregg,	
Richard Willing,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison,	
Christopher Kucher,	George Woods, and	
John Smilie,	Zebulun Potts,	

On motion.

Resolved, That the consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Wells, relative to the Comptroller General and Naval Officer be postponed.

Upon the second reading of the letter from the Surveyor General, relative to his appointment of Thomas Clark to be Deputy Surveyor of Burn and Brunswick townships, in the county of Berks, as well as of a district in Dauphine county,

Resolved, That no order be taken by Council thereon, the Board being of opinion that the business lies within the powers of the Surveyor General.

On motion,

Resolved, That Thursday next be assigned for the consideration of the reports from the several Prothonotarys and Recorders, relative to the sureties of public officers in the appointment of Council.

Upon consideration of a letter from the Comptroller General, respecting two city lots, the property of the Commonwealth, now in possession of Joseph Kenzey.

Ordered, That the said lots be disposed of at public sale according to law, and that the Receiver General of the Land Office be directed to take order thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 18th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	David Redick,	
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison,	
Richard Willing,	George Woods,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Martha Dean, widow of William Dean, late private in militia of the county of Franklin, for fifty pounds six shillings and three pence, being the sum awarded to her by the Orphans' Court of Franklin county, for the support of herself and children until the nineteenth day of June, 1788, agreeably to act of Assembly dated the twentieth day of March, 1780, to be paid out of the monies arising from militia fines in Cumberland county.

In favor of Hugh Spear, for five pounds seventeen shillings, in full of his account for hawling public arms and ammunition from Philadelphia to the county of Washington, for the defence of the western frontiers.

In favor of Colonel Zebulun Butler, for twenty-three pounds five shillings, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Luzerne, amount of his account for his services as Lieutenant of the said county from October the eighth, 1787, until March the eleventh, 1789.

In favor of Isaiah Davis of Montgomery county, for four pounds twelve shillings and one penny, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said county, amount of his account for cleaning and repairing arms belonging to the militia of the said county.

In favor of John Baker, for forty-two pounds one shilling and five pence, out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Montgomery, being the amount of his account for cleaning and repairing arms belonging to the militia of said county.

In favor of Griffith Owen, for twenty-one pounds seven shillings and six pence, amount of his account for winding and keeping in repair the State house clock for one year from fourth of March, 1788, until the fourth of March, 1789, and cash paid for a new pully.

In favor of Anthony Wright, for twenty pounds, in part of the sum of fifty pounds which on the twelfth instant Council agreed

should be expended by the commanding officer of the Artillery battalion in providing such articles as are wanted to compleat the ordinance stores of the said battalion.

Upon the petition and recommendation in favor of Thomas Boyd, convicted of assault and battery upon two indictments in the county of Lancaster, and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer which was held in said county in May, 1788, to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of fifty pounds, praying remission of the said fine,

Resolved, That the said fine of fifty pounds, be remitted.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Rachel Gibbs, praying remission of the forfeiture incurred by her late husband Hugh Gibbs, by reason of the non-appearance of a certain Hugh Furfy to answer to a charge of perjury in the county of Franklin, for whose appearance the said Hugh Gibbs and Patrick Jack of the said county became bound,

Resolved, That the forfeiture for the non-appearance of the said Hugh Furfey to answer to the charge aforesaid, so far as it relates to the estate of the said Hugh Gibbs, be remitted.

A petition from a number of inhabitants of the district of the townships of Limerick, New Providence and Skippack, in the county of Montgomery, containing a complaint of irregular proceedings at the last election of Justices of the Peace in and for the said district, and praying to be heard in support of the said petition, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Saturday the fourth day of April next be appointed for a hearing touching the said complaint, and that the petitioners and the officers of the said election have notice to attend Council on that day.

A petition from Daniel Yoder and others, relative to the last election for Justices of the Peace, held in the district of Colebrookdale, Earl and Oley, in the county of Berks, was read; on consideration, it was

Resolved, Not to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and that they have leave to withdraw their petition.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the accounts of Caleb Davis, Prothonotary of Chester county, for tavern licence fees received between the twenty-sixth of August, 1788, and twenty-first of February, 1789, amounting to two hundred and seventy pounds, and upon the account of Richard Dennis for sundry articles furnished for public use, and for his services in collecting boats in the year 1777, were read and approved, and a certificate for one hundred and fifteen pounds seven shillings directed to issue to Richard Dennis, according to the said report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 19th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smiley,	
Amos Gregg,	David Redick,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the eighteenth instant, as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State.

On motion,

Resolved, That agreeably to the supplement to the act of Assembly entituled an act to alter and amend an act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace throughout this State, &c., passed the twenty-seventh day of February, 1788, the inhabitants of the first district in which the town of Wilkesbarre is situate, (in the county of Luzerne,) are intitled to and shall be allowed a third Justice of the Peace, upon an election of such Justice being held within the said district by the freeholders thereof, and return made to Council according to law.

Agreeably to the minute of the seventeenth instant, Council proceeded to the consideration of the sureties offered by several public officers in the appointment of the Board, when it was

Resolved, To accept of the following:

For John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, Blair McClenachan and David Jackson.

In Chester county—For Caleb Davis, Prothonotary, Thomas Cheyney, Esquire.

In Lancaster county—For Samuel Turbett, Collector of Excise, William Ross and Jacob Bayley.
For James Ross, Lieutenant, George Ross and Frederick Hubley.
For James Ross, Sheriff, Robert Coleman and Doctor Frederick Kuhn.

In Berks county—For Daniel Levan, Prothonotary, Isaac Levan.

In Northampton county—For William Craig, Prothonotary, Conrad Irie, jun'r, and William Barnett.

In Cumberland county—For William Lyon, Prothonotary, William Duffield.

For Charles Lieper, Sheriff, John Miller and William Moore.

In Washington county—For Thomas Scott, Prothonotary, James Marshall and John Neville.

In Bedford county—For David Espy, Prothonotary, Bernard Dougherty and Thomas Smith.

For Hugh Barclay, Lieutenant, George Woods.

For Arthur McGaughey, Sheriff, Samuel Davidson and George Funk.

In Fayette county—For Ephraim Doughlass, Prothonotary, Gen'l Arthur StClair and Gen'l James Irvine.

For Joseph Terrance, Sheriff, Ephraim Douglass and James Paul.

In Franklin county—For Edward Crawford, Prothonotary.

For John Johnston, Sheriff, Thomas Campbell and John Boggs.

For Robert Parker, Collector of Excise, Doctor William McGaw and Robert Smith.

In Huntington county—For John Patton, Sheriff, Henry Neff and John Matthews.

For Andrew Henderson, Prothonotary, Israel Israel and John Cannon.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter of the Comptroller General respecting the banks of Mud Island,

Resolved, That the Comptroller General take order for the immediate repairing such part of the banks of Mud Island as are by the lease to be kept up at the expence of the State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 20th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison,	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts, and	
George Woods,	John Smilie,	
David Redick,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Richard Willing, Esquire, for forty-eight pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for twenty pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day inclusive.

In favor of the Honorable Tench Coxe, Esquire, for forty-three pounds, in full for his pay as a delegate from this State to Congress from the sixteenth day of February, until the fifth day of March, 1789, and his mileage, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Two orders were drawn in favor of John Penn, the elder, for three thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds sterling, each, and four orders in favor of John Penn, the younger, for eleven thousand two hundred and fifty pounds sterling, each, payable out of the funds appropriated by act of the General Assembly dated the sixteenth day of March, 1785, together the interest which is due thereon, which sums, together with the monies paid upon former orders, are in full of five installments of the one hundred and thirty thousand pounds sterling, which is directed by law to be paid to the late Proprietors of Pennsylvania.

The further consideration of the report of the committee on the memorial of Richard Wells, relative to the Comptroller General and Naval Officer, was postponed until to-morrow.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the acting committee of the Society for promoting the abolition of slavery and the relief of free Negroes unlawfully held in bondage, relative to the case of a free Negro of the name of Philip, who has been taken from this State and is now held in bondage in the province of Louisiana,

Resolved, That His Excellency the President be requested to apply to the Governor of the said Province by letter, and demand the said Negro as a citizen of Pennsylvania, and that the several affidavits and other papers accompanying the said memorial, be authenticated by the necessary certificates and seals, and enclosed in the President's letter to the said Governor of Louisiana.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 21st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esqr.
Richard Willing,	Abraham Smith,	
Amos Gregg,	George Woods,	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison,	
David Redick,	Zebulun Potts,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher for fifty-two pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennison, Esquire, for fifteen pounds fifteen shillings, for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

In favor of Matthew Wilson and Elizabeth Wilson, Executors of Robert Wilson, for ten pounds sixteen shillings and three pence, being the costs of suit in the Supreme Court upon an appeal to the said Court from the settlement of the said Robert Wilson's account, as late Sub-Lieutenant of Chester county, by the Comptroller General, as appears by a certificate from the Prothonotary of the said court.

The further consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Richard Wells, relative to the conduct of the Comptroller General and Naval Officer in the case of the ship Anne, was postponed until Thursday next.

Upon consideration of a petition and recommendation in favor of William Sutherland, convicted of an assault and battery, in the county of Philadelphia, praying remission of the fine of twenty shillings payable to the use of the Commonwealth, imposed upon him for the said offence,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 23rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	Esquires.
David Redick,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	Richard Willing,	

A letter from Christian Febiger, Esquire, containing his resignation of the office of Auctioneer for the Northern Liberties, and requesting Council to accept of the same, was read; and thereupon

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for the choice of an Auctioneer for the Northern Liberties and of an Auctioneer for the district of Moyamensing.

A transcript of a resolution of the General Assembly, dated the twentieth day of this month, requesting Council to suspend the sale of the estate of Robert Robertson, for a debt due to the Commonwealth, during the life of Grizzle Robertson, his widow, was laid before the Board and read; on consideration,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the county of Bucks be and he is hereby authorized and directed to suspend the sale of the real estate late of Robert Robertson, deceased, now under judgment in favor of the Commonwealth against the administrators, during the life of Grizzle Robertson, the widow of the said Robert Robertson.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 24th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	David Redick,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Richard Willing,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	
John Smilie,		

Mr. Redick, member of this Board, was offered and accepted as sureties for Thomas Scott, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of

Washington, in the room of John Neville, Esquire, who was approved by the Board on the nineteenth instant as surety for Mr. Scott.

On motion,

Resolved, That a dedimus potestatum issue to Thomas Scott, Thomas Stokely, John Hoge and Absalom Baird, Esquires, of the county of Washington.

Agreeably to the minute of yesterday, Council proceeded to the choice of an Auctioneer for the Northern Liberties, in the room of Christian Febiger, Esq'r, resigned, and of an Auctioneer for the district of the township of Moyamensing, agreeably to act of Assembly dated the nineteenth day of March instant, when William Shannon, Esquire, was unanimously appointed Auctioneer for the Northern Liberties; and the ballots being taken for the several candidates for the office of Auctioneer for the district of Moyamensing, it appeared that Richard Footman, Esquire, had the highest number of votes and was duly elected Auctioneer for the said district, agreeably to the said act of Assembly.

Upon consideration of a petition from several freeholders resident in the district of the townships of Hopewell, in the county of Bedford, complaining of irregular proceedings at the late election for Justices in the said district, and praying Council to grant them a hearing touching the said complaint,

Resolved, That Hugh Barclay, William Proctor and Thomas Colter, Esquires, Justices of the Peace in the county of Bedford, living near the said district, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to investigate the facts stated in the said petition upon the oaths of such witnesses as may be adduced, and make report thereof to this Board in manner and form prescribed an and by an Act of General Assembly intituled "An Act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace throughout this State, &c.," passed the thirty-first of March, 1784.

A report from Generals Butler and Gibson, Commissioners appointed by Council to negotiate and compleat the purchase from the Indians of the triangular piece of country lying west of the western boundary of the State of New York, and between the northern boundary of this State and Lake Erie, was received and read, together with an Indian deed of cession for the aforesaid tract of country, and certain articles accompanying the said report. A letter from General Butler, relative to a grant of one thousand or fifteen hundred acres of land from the Commonwealth to the Cornplanter, a Chief of the Seneca Nation, in consideration of his services to the State, was also received and read; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the report of the said Commissioners, and letter from General Butler relative to the Cornplanter, together with the before mentioned Indians' deed and articles be transmitted to the

General Assembly, inclosed in the following letter to the Speaker, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, March 24th, 1789.

SIR:—I have the honor to transmit to you for the information of the Legislature, the report of the Commissioners appointed by Council to negotiate and compleat the purchase of the triangular piece of land lying between the western line of New York, the northern line of Pennsylvania, and part of Lake Erie from the Indians.

General Butler's letter recommending the grant of one thousand or fifteen hundred acres of land to the Cornplanter, a Seneca Chief, is also transmitted.

I have the honor to be, sir, with great respect,
Your most obedient and very humble servant,
THOMAS MIFFLIN, Pres't.

Hon'ble RICHARD PETERS, Esquire, Speaker of the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 25th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison, &	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
George Woods,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Lewis Nichola, Esquire, for eight pounds seventeen shillings and eight pence, being the amount of his account for three months, house rent from December the twenty-second, 1788, till March the twenty-second, 1789, and for firewood during that time, as commandant of the guard of Invalids.

In favor of Peter Dailey, for three pounds fourteen shillings and eleven pence, payable out of the militia fines of Washington county, being the amount of his account for thirty-one day militia service as a ranger on the frontiers of Washington county, by order of the Lieutenant of said county, and for subsistence during the said service.

In favor of Abraham Inlow, Edward Sergent, Andrew Farley, and Alexander Burns, for fourteen pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence, amount of their several accounts for thirty-one days' militia service each, on the frontiers of said county, by order of the said Lieutenant. from the twenty-fifth of March, till the twenty-fifth of April, 1788, inclusively, and for subsistence during the said term, payable out of the militia fines as aforesaid.

In favor of Thomas Orr, Lesnet, John Vance and Hercules Roney, for fourteen pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines as aforesaid, amount of their several accounts for militia services from the first of April, till the first of May, 1788, inclusive, and for subsistence as aforesaid.

In favor of Abner Bradock and Francis Bradock, for seven pounds nine shillings and ten pence, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines, amount of their several accounts for militia services from the eighth day of April, til the eighth of May, 1788, inclusive, and for subsistence as aforesaid.

In favor of Peter Shook, for fifty-one pounds six shillings and four pence, State money of the emission of April, 1781, payable out of the fund appropriated by resolution of the General Assembly, dated the eighth of April, 1782, being the amount of principal and interest due upon his certificates for a horse furnished for the use of the Continental army in August, 1780.

Agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly, dated the day of the present month, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Evan Owen, for twenty-five pounds two shillings and three pence, due to him for supplies of provisions furnished to the civil officers of Northumberland county in the year 1775, while executing the orders of Governor Penn, for enforcing the laws in that county.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Christian Febiger, Esquire, Auctioneer of the Northern Liberties, for State duty upon sales at auction from November the third, 1788, till March the sixteenth, 1789, amounting to one hundred and forty-four pounds seven shillings and one penny, was read and approved.

Upon a petition from a number of freeholders of Doe Run district, in Chester county, relative to the last election of Justices of the Peace held in said district,

Ordered, That the Secretary write to the Justices appointed to hear the parties touching a complaint of irregular proceedings at said election, and require them to make report without further delay.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 26th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Richard Willing,	John Smilie,	
Amos Gregg,	David Redick, and	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison,	

Upon consideration of the report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Commissioners of Cumberland county, praying Council to order the prosecution against them for neglecting to transmit to the Comptroller General copies of the rates and corrected duplicates of the said county to be withdrawn,

Resolved, That it would be improper in this Board to prevent the operation of the laws against any public officer before conviction, and therefore the prayer of the Commissioners of Cumberland county cannot be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 27th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Richard Willing,	John Smilie,	
Amos Gregg,	David Redick, and	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the twenty-fifth instant, as Chief Justice of the State.

In favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the twenty-fifth instant, as a Judge of the Supreme Court of this State.

In favor of Peter Shoock, for thirty-two pounds five shillings and eight pence, State money, of the emission of April, 1781, which sum, together with fifty-one pounds six shillings and four pence, like money, granted to him the twenty-fifth instant, is in

full for a horse furnished for the use of the Continental army in August, 1780, payable out of the fund appropriated by resolution of the General Assembly dated April the eighth, 1782.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of John Gloningher, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Dauphine, from March, 1787, until September, 1788, by which it appears that a ballance of sixty-nine pounds nineteen shillings and five pence is due to the State, was read and approved.

Upon consideration of the petition and recommendation in favor of Margaret Miller and Sarah Wilson, confined in the work-house upon being severally convicted of larceny at the last Court of Quarter Sessions of the city and county of Philadelphia, praying remission of the fines and punishment at hard labor to which they were sentenced by the said Court,

Resolved, That the several fines due from the said Margaret Miller and Sarah Wilson, and their punishment at hard labor, be remitted.

Council resumed the consideration of the memorial of Richard Wells, and other papers relative to the conduct of the Comptroller General and Naval Officers in the case of the ship Anne; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Willing, Mr. Read and Mr. Kucher, be a Committee to arrange all the papers relative to the said ship, previous to a hearing of the parties concerned.

Resolved, That the said hearing be before Council in a Committee of the Whole, and that Mr. Read be the Chairman.

William Bell and Joseph Carson, of the city of Philadelphia, were offered and accepted as sureties for William Shannon, Auctioneer for the Northern Liberties; and Isaac Hazlehurst and Daniel Tyson, of the said city, were offered and accepted as sureties for Richard Footman, Auctioneer for the township of Moyamensing.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 28th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	
Amos Gregg,	Christopher Kucher,	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Abraham Smith,	George Woods,	
John Smilie,		

WHEREAS, Thomas Scott, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Washington, hath informed this Council by letter that he hath

been elected a representative of this State in the Congress of the United States, and that he is on his way to New York to take his seat as such: *And whereas*, The said Thomas Scott, Esquire, by the acceptance of his appointment as representative in Congress, is incapable of discharging the duties of Prothonotary of the county aforesaid; and it is therefore proper that a Prothonotary for the said county should forthwith be appointed in his room and stead,

Resolved, That Alexander Scott, son of the said Thomas Scott, be and he is hereby appointed Prothonotary of the county of Washington, in the room and stead of Thomas Scott, Esquire.

James Marshall, David Redick and Thomas Scott, Esquires, were offered and accepted as sureties for Alexander Scott, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Washington.

Upon the second reading of the report of the Committee to whom was referred the claims of rank of Edward Spear and Ebenezer Denny, of the troops under the command of Colonel Harmar,

Resolved, That a commission of Lieutenant issue to the said Ebenezer Denny, in the said troops, and that he take rank from the eighteenth of April, 1788.

Resolved, That the commission of Lieutenant issued by this Board to Edward Spear, be and it is hereby revoked and made null and void.

Upon consideration of a resolution of the General Assembly of the twenty-fourth instant, requesting Council to promulgate the proceedings of the House of that day, containing a recommendation to the good people of this State on the subject of alterations and amendments of the Constitution of this State,

Resolved, That this Board cannot comply with the said request of the Legislature.

On the question to agree to the foregoing resolution the yeas and nays were as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Mr. Redick	NAYS—The President,
Mr. Smilie,	The Vice President,
Mr. Dennison,	Mr. Miles,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Willing,
Mr. Watt,	Mr. Woods, and
Mr. Read, and	Mr. Kucher.
Mr. Gregg.	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 30th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Amos Gregg,	George Woods, and	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's reports orders were drawn upon the Treasurer for the following sums, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines of Washington county:

For one pound nineteen shillings, amount of pay due to seven men of the Washington county militia two days in July, 1787; and for four pounds nineteen shillings and four pence, pay due to seven men of said militia from the eighth to the tenth of June, 1788, for militia services.

For five pounds twelve shillings, amount of pay due to Captain Thomas Axtell's company of said militia in actual service 2 days to the nineteenth day of October, 1787.

For one hundred and thirty-seven pounds seventeen shillings, amount of pay due to Captain Eleazer Jenkins's company of said militia in actual service from August the sixth to the twentieth of September, 1788.

For ninety-three pounds nine shillings and four pence, amount of pay due to Captain James Scott's company of said militia in actual service from the nineteenth to the thirty-first of July, 1781.

For one pound ten shillings, amount of pay due to Captain Thomas Axtell's company of said militia in actual service for 2 days to September 17th, 1787.

For sixty-eight pounds eight shillings and two pence, amount of pay due to Lieutenant Jonathan Ross's company of said militia in actual service from July seventeenth to August the thirteenth, 1788.

For two pounds ten shillings, amount of pay due to a party of said militia for six days in actual service, ending the twenty-second of October, 1787, and for two pounds fifteen, amount of pay due to seven men of said militia for seven days actual service, ending the first of November, 1787.

For fifty-three pounds fourteen shillings, amount of pay due to Ensign Sampson Nicholas's company of said militia from the ninth of June to July the fifteenth, 1788.

For nine pounds, amount of John Custard's account for a horse lost on the Sandusky expedition under Colonel Crawford, in 1782.

For seven pounds, amount of Richard Hall's account for a gun taken into actual service and lost in 1782, in the expedition under Colonel Crawford.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition and recommendation in favor of John Parrock, attainted of high treason, praying a pardon,

Resolved, That the said John Parrock be pardoned, and a pardon signed by the President and under the great seal was accordingly issued.

Agreeably to a report of the committee to whom was referred the account of Alexander McDowell for apprehending a deserter from the army of the United States, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer for one pound eighteen shillings and four State money of the emission of April, 1781, being the reward for apprehending the said deserter, according to act of Assembly dated February the twentieth, 1777.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 31st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	David Redick.	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulon Potts,	
Richard Willing,	George Woods,	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,		

Upon application of some of the petitioners against the late election of Justices of the Peace in the district of New Providence, Limerick and Skippack, in the county of Montgomery, it was

Ordered, That a summons issue to George Essick, Sen'r, John Shannon, Peter Feadly, William Nelson, Thomas North, Conrad Sharer, Christian Shunck, Jacob Auld, Andrew Porter and Samuel Baird, under the lesser seal, requiring them to attend this Board on the fourth of next month, to give evidence touching the complaint against the late election of Justices of the Peace in the said district.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be furnished by the Master of the Rolls with a copy of the act of Assembly to amend an act intituled "An Act for amending the penal laws of this State," and that the said Sheriff be instructed

to read the said law to the convicts now in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, as soon as he shall be furnished with a copy of the same.

A report from John Hoge and Thomas Scott, Esquires, two of the Justices who were appointed by Council on the eighth day of November last to investigate the complaint against an election of Justices of the Peace held in Finley township, in the county of Washington, on the twenty-third day of September, 1788, was read, by which it appears that notice of the time of holding the said election was not given according to law; therefore,

Resolved, That the said election of Justices of the Peace in the township of Findley be set aside and made void, and that a writ under the lesser seal be now issued for holding a new election of Justices of the Peace in and for the said township, on the twenty-eighth day of July next according to law.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 1st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	
Frederick Watts,	George Woods, and	
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence, in full for his wages as Doorkeeper to Council from the first to the thirty-first of March, 1789, inclusively, and for cash paid for carrying in firewood.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of the Commonwealth against the estate of Robert Patton, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, money advanced by Mr. Bickham, Quarter Master, on the twentieth of January, 1777, to purchase cloathing.

Of the Commonwealth against General Daniel Broadhead, jun'r, the sum of eight hundred and ninety-three pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence, amount of principal and interest due upon an order drawn by his son, Daniel Broadhead, Jun'r, in favor of the Pennsylvania Indian Commissioners, for goods had of said Commissioners, allowed them at settlement of their accounts, and accepted by General Broadhead.

Of Andrew Long against the Commonwealth, for the sum of eight pounds, amount of his account for pine logs furnished in June, 1777, for building chevaux-de-frize at Billingsport

Of John Mortimer, against the Commonwealth, for ten pounds fourteen shillings and four pence, amount of his account for provisions furnished to a party of militia stationed in 1778 and 1779, in Morrison's Cove, Bedford county, for defence of the frontiers of said county.

Upon the petition of George Everson, convicted of larceny, and now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, praying a pardon,

Resolved, That the fine to the Commonwealth, and the punishment at hard labor to which he was sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the county of Philadelphia, for the said offence, be remitted.

Upon application of John Donaldson, Esquire, Register General, informing Council that he is ready to enter upon the duties of his office, whenever a place shall be assigned for the business, it was agreed that Mr. Donnaldson may occupy the room adjoining and westward of the Receiver General's office.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for the consideration of the petitions from Northampton county relative to the conduct of the Commissioners of the Taxes and Treasurer of that county.

On motion of the Vice President, the petition from Mary Nees was withdrawn.

The Council met the same day at 4 o'clock.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Nathan Dennison, and
Frederick Watt, Abraham Smith, } Esquires.
David Redick,

Upon consideration of a letter from General Richard Butler, requesting Council to ascertain the value of out lots No. 33, 34, and thirty-five, in the reserved tract of land opposite Pittsburgh, occupied by his brother, William Butler, the right of pre-emption to which lots was granted by this Board to the said William Butler,

Resolved, That the said out lots number 33, 34, and 35, containing in the whole eighteen acres three quarters and fourteen perches, be valued at twelve pounds nine shillings per acre in certificates, including the annexed town lots.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 2nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
James Read,	David Redick,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Richard Willing,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,	George Woods,	
John Smilie,		

Agreeably to a resolution of the General Assembly dated the twenty-eighth day of March last, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John McCalmont, for the sum of five hundred and seven pounds eighteen shillings and four pence, payable out of the monies appropriated by act of Assembly dated the day of the same month for payment of just claims upon the Commonwealth, and agreeably to resolution of Assembly of the twenty-eighth day of March last, the said sum being due to him according to the late determination in the Supreme Court of this State.

Mr. Gregg was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the present month.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 3rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
James Read,	David Redick,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Richard Willing,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,	George Woods,	
John Smilie,		

Upon consideration of the report of the committee appointed to consider of and report to Council the names of proper persons to ascertain the boundary lines of the county of Huntington,

Resolved, That Benjamin Elliott of Huntington, Matthew Taylor of Bedford and James Harris of Cumberland county, be appointed to run and ascertain the said boundary lines.

On motion,

Resolved, That on Monday the sixth day of this month Council will proceed to a further investigation of the memorial of Richard Wells and other papers relative to the conduct of the Comptroller General and Naval officer in the case of the ship Anne, and that the parties concerned be heard at the same time, of which the Secretary was directed to give notice.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 4th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	
James Read,	John Smilie, and	
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

Two orders were drawn in favor of the Honorable Amos Gregg, Esquire, one for eighty-two pounds five shillings, and the other for twenty-two pounds ten shillings, making in the whole the sum of one hundred and four pounds fifteen shillings, which is in full for his attendance in Council until the thirty-first day of March last, inclusive, and for mileage twice going home and returning to Council.

And one order in favor of the Honorable Zebulun Potts, Esquire, for one hundred and two pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the thirty-first day of March last, inclusively, and for mileage twice going home and returning to Council.

Upon consideration of a resolution of the General Assembly, dated the twenty-fourth day of March last, relative to reservations of certain lands for the use of the State, at Presque Isle, formed by Lake Erie, at Le Bœuf, at the head of the navigation of French creek, at the mouth of Conewango, in the county of Allegany, and at the fort of Venango, not exceeding at each place three thousand acres of land,

Resolved, That the Surveyor General be directed, and he is hereby directed, to appoint a proper person to locate, survey, and make return of the several tracts mentioned in the said resolution of Assembly, for the use of the Commonwealth, in conformity with the said resolution, and that the locations at each place amount to three thousand acres and no more.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Vice President, Mr. Watt, Mr. Smith, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Dennison, be a committee to take the evidence in support of the complaint against the late election of Justices of the Peace in the district of the townships of New Providence, Limerick, and Skippack, in the county of Montgomery, and make report of the same to Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 6th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Richard Willing,	David Redick, and	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts,	

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petitions of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northampton, respecting the conduct of the late County Commissioners and the late Treasurers of the said county,

Resolved, That the petitions aforesaid, charging some of the former County Commissioners and Treasurers of said county with peculation, &ca., be referred to the Attorney General, who is hereby directed to prosecute so many of the Commissioners and Treasurers of the said county as shall appear from the testimony that shall be laid before him, to be guilty of the crimes contained in the said petitions, in such manner as he may think most likely to do justice to the concerned.

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be and he is hereby directed to furnish the Attorney General with such testimony as he hath already collected, or may hereafter collect, for the purpose aforesaid.

Resolved, That the minute of Council of the eighth day of December last, appointing the Honorable Robert Traill, Esquire, and Peter Rhoads, Esquire, to examine into the facts set forth in a petition presented to this Board some time past, complaining of the misconduct of some of the Commissioners of Northampton county, be and the same is hereby rescinded and made void.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from the Honorable John Jay, Esquire, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, inclosing sundry papers from Germany,

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to cause advertisements to be published in one, at least, of the English, and one German newspaper of this city, and German paper of Lancaster, calling upon the children of John Ludwig Shumann, who died in the Palatinate in Germany, and whose children came to this State and lived in Chester county, to apply at the Secretary's office for information respecting an estate descended to them by the death of Ludwig Schumann, their grandfather.

The committee appointed to hear the petitioners against the late election of Justices of the Peace in the district of New Providence, Limerick, and Skippack, in the county of Montgomery, informed the Board that some of the parties attended on Saturday, but many others not appearing, for want of proper notice, they had been under the necessity of postponing the business. A list of nine other witnesses was produced, for whom citations were requested.

Resolved, That the said nine witnesses, to wit, John Umstead, Benedict Garve, Isaiah Davis, Jacob Castlebury, Daniel Markley, David Evans, Moses Hopsen, John Richard, and Nicholas Robinson, of the county of Montgomery, be required to attend Council on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of this month, when the Board will proceed to a further hearing of the petitioners touching their complaint against the said election, and that new citations issue to George Essick, Sen'r, John Shannon, Peter Feadly, William Nelson, Thomas North, Conrad Shärer, Christian Shunck, Jacob Auld, Andrew Porter, and Samuel Baird, requiring them to attend at the same time, to give evidence in support of said complaint.

A letter from Mr. Richard Wells, informing the President of the decease of his mother, was received and read.

On motion,

Resolved, That the hearing which was appointed for this day, touching the complaint contained in the memorial of Richard Wells against the Comptroller General and Naval Officer, be postponed until Thursday next at eleven o'clock, at which time the memorialist, the Comptroller General, and Naval Officer, are required to attend Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 8th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	David Redick,	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Frederick Watt, Esquire, for sixty-seven pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day inclusive.

In favor of the Honorable George Woods, Esquire, for forty-four pounds, fifteen shillings, being a ballance due upon his account for his attendance in Council until this day inclusively, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home at this time.

In favor of James Elliott, for four pounds ten shillings for boarding John Franklin four weeks from the second till the thirty-first of March, 1789, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Griffith Evans, for one pound ten shillings, being fees due to him from the State for surveying one tract of two hundred acres of donation lands, which was omitted in a former account, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee to whom was referred the settlement of the accounts of John Christie, Esquire, Collector of Excise in the county of Chester, from January, 1788, till March, 1789, by the Comptroller General, amounting to one thousand one hundred and seventy-four pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence.

Resolved, That Council approve of the said statement.

On motion,

Resolved, That Thomas Ryerson be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Washington.

On motion,

Resolved, That Edward Cook, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated President of the Court of Common Pleas, and of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Fayette.

Council being informed that the two city lots ordered for sale this day, are claimed as the property of Richard Peters, Esquire, who is endeavoring to procure the necessary proofs of his title, and therefore requested the postponement of the sale; and it ap-

pearing to Council that his claim was made within the time required by law,

Ordered, That the Receiver General of the Land Office be and he is hereby directed to postpone the sale of the said lots.

Petitions from John Logue and George Burford, confined in the jail of the county of Philadelphia, upon conviction of larceny, and from Peter Cleare, confined in the jail of the county of Chester, upon conviction of horse stealing, severally praying remission of the punishment to which they have been sentenced upon being convicted as aforesaid, were read; and, on consideration, it was

Resolved, To dismiss the said several petitions, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw the same.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 9th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	David Redick,	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Abraham Smith,	George Woods,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt;

In favor of Christopher Marshall, Jun'r, Treasurer of the Society for the encouragement of manufactures and the useful arts, for the sum of one thousand pounds, payable out of the funds appropriated for claims and improvements by the act of Assembly, intituled "An Act to appropriate divers funds arising and growing due to this Commonwealth towards the payment of the expenses of government, and to provide a fund for other purposes," being the amount of one hundred shares of ten pounds each, which the Treasurer of the State is directed in the name and for the use of the State, to subscribe to the manufacturing fund of the said Society, agreeably to an act of the General Assembly passed at the last session, entituled "An Act to assist the cotton manufactures of this State."

In favor of the Honorable George Woods, for the sum of one hundred pounds, payable out of the monies sett apart for the support of government, and for claims and improvements, to be by him paid to Alexander McClean, Esquire, for the purpose for laying out the road from Bedford to Pittsburgh, agreeably to an act of the General Assembly passed the twenty-seventh day of March

last, for which sum the Commissioners appointed by Council on the fourteenth day of March last to lay out the said road, are to account.

In favor of the Honorable George Woods, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-six pounds seven shillings and six pence, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Bedford, for his services as late Lieutenant of the said county, according to the Comptroller General's report of this day.

On application of the Vice President,

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to renew the advertisement for proposals to repair Jones's lane by contract.

Agreeably to the minute of the twenty-seventh of March last, Council went into a Committee of the Whole to proceed to a further investigation of the complaint of Richard Wells against the Comptroller General and Naval Officer; and after some time spent in hearing the parties, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Read reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business, and requested leave to sit again; thereupon,

Resolved, That on Saturday next, at ten o'clock, Council will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, and proceed in the further investigation of the said complaint.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 11th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	David Redick,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg,	
John Smilie,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Anthony Wright, Quarter Master of artillery, for the sum of thirty pounds being the remainder of the sum of fifty pounds, which on the twelfth day of March last Council agreed should be expended by the commanding officer of the artillery battalion in purchasing the necessary articles to compleat the ordinance stores of the said battalion.

John Worth, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace, and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Chester, upon a return made according to law, from the district of the townships of Pennsbury, East and West Bradford, Newlin and East Fallowfield, in the said county.

Agreeably to the act of General passed the eleventh day of March last, intituled "An Act to incorporate the city of Philadelphia," the following gentlemen, vizt: Samuel Miles, Samuel Powell, John Baker, Joseph Ball, John Nixon, Joseph Swift, John Barclay, John Maxwell Nesbitt, Hilary Baker, Francis Hopkinson, Gunning Bedford, Matthew Clarkson, and Reynold Keen, elected Aldermen for the city of Philadelphia, now appeared in Council, and severally took their oaths by the said act as a qualification for the exercise of their office of Aldermen, respectively, and George Roberts, Esquire, took the affirmation required by the said act to qualify him as Alderman for the said city.

The gentlemen retired, and after some time appeared again, and presented Samuel Powell, Esquire, as the Mayor of their unanimous choice, when the oath required by the said act was duly administred to him.

Agreeably to order, Council went into a Committee of the Whole, and proceeded into a further investigation of the complaint of Richard Wells against the Comptroller General and Naval Officer, and after some time spent therein, the President resumed the chair, and it was agreed that on Wednesday next at ten o'clock, Council will go into a Committee of the Whole and proceed to the further consideration of the said business.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 13th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Richard Willing,	David Redick, and,	
Frederick Watt,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as Vice President of the State, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for eighteen pounds in full of his account for attendance in Council until this day, inclusive.

Mr. William Colliday, elected an Alderman for the city of Philadelphia, appeared in Council, and was qualified for the exercise of that office, according to the act of General Assembly passed the eleventh day of March last, entituled, An Act to incorporate the city of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 14th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	
Frederick Watt,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Comptroller General of the account of this State, ending the thirteenth instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 15th.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	
Frederick Watt,	Christopher Kucher,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie, and	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, viz:

In favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the twenty-fifth of March last, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to his clerk, according to act of General Assembly dated the fourth day of April, 1785.

Upon the petition and recommendation in favor of James McPherson, of the county of Allegany, convicted of an assault and battery, praying remission of the fine of five pounds, to which he was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, for the said offence,

Resolved, That the fine of five pounds aforesaid be remitted.

A petition from George Ingram, in behalf of himself and his wife, praying remission of the fines and punishment at hard labour to which they have been sentenced upon being convicted of receiving stolen goods knowing them to be such, was read and rejected.

The further investigation of the complaint of Richard Wells against the Comptroller General and Naval Officer, was postponed until to-morrow.

Council adjourned in order to give the committee to whom was referred the petitions from sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, time to continue the inquiry respecting the contested election of Justices of the Peace in the district of the townships of Limerick, New Providence and Skippack, in the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 16th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	

Agreeably to order, Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to proceed to the further investigation of the complaint of Richard Wells against the Comptroller General and Naval Officer.

A representation from the Comptroller General and William Hassal's account of expences charged to account of the ship Anne were received and read; after some time spent in the said business, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Read reported that the committee had heard the allegations in support of the charges contained in the memorial of Richard Wells, as well as the defence of the Comptroller General and Naval Officer.

On motion,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the said business be postponed until to-morrow.

Judge Bryan and the Attorney General attended and gave Council some information relative to the title of the Commonwealth to a certain lot of ground situate between Cedar street and Lombard street, in the city of Philadelphia, now claimed by Thomas Clifford and Miers Fisher, attornies in fact of Christiana Gulielma Gaskill of London, widow, under an original grant from William Penn, Esquire.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 17th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	David Redick,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts.	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	
Samuel Edie,	Richard Willing,	
John Smilie,	Frederick Watt,	

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council resumed the further consideration of the memorial of Richard Wells, complaining of the conduct of the Comptroller General and Naval Officer in the case of the ship Anne, together with the defence of the said officers, and proceeded to consider separately the charges contained in the said memorial in the order in which they were made; and thereupon the first charge was read, as follows, vizt:

"The Captain of the Guard of Invalids, together with a number of soldiers, were, without order of Council, called forth and placed on board the ship Anne, by the privity and procurement of Frederick Phile, Esquire, Naval Officer, where no danger was threatened to the State, nor resistance to be apprehended; where a lawless soldiery presented their musquets with fixed bayonets against the owners, when approaching to inquire the cause of their being on board, and of this outrage against the civil authority, it was alledged that the Comptroller General, John Nicholson, Esquire, was a party."

On the question, "Is the said charge supported?" being put, the yeas and nays were as follows, vizt:

YEAS	NAYS
The President,	Mr. Redick,
The Vice President,	Mr. Smilie,
Mr. Miles,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Willing,	Mr. Read,
Mr. Gregg,	Mr. Potts,
Mr. Kucher, and	Mr. Dennison, and
Mr. Edie.	Mr. Watt.

The Board being equally divided, the question was determined against the charge.

The second charge was read as follows, vizt:

"Your Comptroller and Naval Officer have assisted in and given a sanction to a breach of the express law of the land, assuming powers not even exercised by Council," to wit, employing underbidders, purchasing the ship for the State and selling her at a lower price, without order from the Council.

And on the question "Is the said charge supported?" being put, it was determined in the negative.

The third charge was read as follows, vizt:

"Your Comptroller hath passed and allowed public accounts, one of them falsely made out and others exorbitant in their nature and unwarranted by any authority vested in him."

It was then moved and seconded to postpone the consideration of the said charge, in order to introduce a motion to require Mr. Cowperthwaite to produce to the Comptroller General for adjustment and settlement an account of sales of the ship Anna.

On the question to postpone for the purpose aforesaid being put, it was determined unanimously in the affirmative; thereupon

Resolved, That Joseph Cowperthwaite, Esquire, late Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, be and he hereby is directed forthwith to produce to the Comptroller General an account of sales of the ship Anna, for immediate settlement.

Council resumed the consideration of the third charge, and on the question "Is the said charge supported?" being put, it was unanimously determined in the negative.

The fourth and last charge was read as follows, vizt:

"Your Comptroller, in his official capacity, hath been guilty of mistating facts to Council, and arresting hard money in its progress into the Treasury, delivering in the room thereof orders of Council on the Treasury, and your Naval Officer hath acted improperly in his office."

And on the question "Is the said charge supported?" being put, it was unanimously determined in the negative.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 18th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	David Redick,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	
John Smilie,	Frederick Watt,	

Agreeably to the minute of the thirteenth day of March last, the President laid before the Board a draft of an address from Council to the President General of the United States, upon his arrival in this city, which was read and agreed to as follows, vizt:

SIR:—The President and Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania cheerfully embrace this interesting occasion to congratu-

late you upon the establishment of the Fœderal Constitution, and to felicitate ourselves and our country upon your unanimous appointment to the Presidency of the United States.

In reflecting upon the vicissitudes of the late war, in tracing its difficulties and in contemplating its success, we are uniformly impressed with the extent and magnitude of the services which you have rendered to your country, and by that impression we are taught to expect that the exercise of the same virtues and abilities which have been thus happily employed in obtaining the prize of Liberty and Independence, must be effectually instrumental in securing to your fellow citizens and their posterity the permanent blessings of a free and efficient government. And although the history of the Revolution will furnish the best evidence of the invariable attachment of this Commonwealth to the interests and honor of the Union, yet we cannot resist this favorable opportunity of personally assuring you that in every measure which tends to advance the national character, you may rely on the zealous co-operation of the executive authority of Pennsylvania.

In discharging the duties of your present important station it must, sir, be a never-failing source ofconsolation and support, that the unbounded love and confidence of the people will produce a favorable construction of all your actions, and will contribute to the harmony and success of your administration. For we know that eventually your happiness must depend upon the happiness of your country, and we believe that in wishing an adequate execution of your intentions and designs we comprehend all that is necessary to both.

Uniting with our sister States in the admiration of those motives which at this interesting æra of our affairs have induced you again to relinquish the enjoyment of domestic peace, for a conspicuous and laborious participation in the cares and toils of public life, we fervently pray for the preservation of your health, and we confidently hope that the consummation of a patriot's wishes—the glory and felicity of your country will crown the period of a long and illustrious existence, and prepare you for an everlasting reward.

THOMAS MIFFLIN, President.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, April 18th, 1789.

The letter from Frederick Phile, Esquire, requesting a certificate of his having executed the office of Naval Officer for the port of Philadelphia with fidelity, being read the second time,

On motion,

Resolved, That Frederick Phile, Esquire, hath acted as Naval Officer for the port of Philadelphia, from the fifth day of April, in the year 1777, till this present time, and hath executed the several duties of the said office with fidelity and to the satisfaction of the Board.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to furnish a copy of the foregoing minute to the said Frederick Phile.

Upon consideration of the report of the Committee to whom it was referred to investigate the complaint against the late election of Justices of the Peace in the district of the townships of New Providence, Limerick and Skippack, in the county of Montgomery,

Resolved, That the complaints contained in the several petitions of the inhabitants of the district of New Providence, Limerick and Skippack, in the said county, against the said election of Justices, are not supported, and that therefore the same be confirmed.

On motion,

Resolved, That Sharp Delany, Esquire, during the time he acted as Collector of the Customs for the Port of Philadelphia, hath executed the several duties of the said office with fidelity and to the satisfaction of the Board.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 20th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathan Dennison,	
Samuel Edie,	David Redick,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 21st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	

The President reported that the address which was agreed to on the eighteenth instant, was this morning presented to the President of the United States, and that he was pleased to make the following reply, vizt:

To the President and Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania.

GENTLEMEN:—I receive with great satisfaction the affectionate congratulation of the President and Supreme Executive Council of

Pennsylvania, on my appointment to the Presidency of the United States.

If under favor of the Divine Providence, and with the assistance of my fellow citizens, it was my fortune to have been in any degree instrumental in vindicating the liberty and confirming the independance of my country, I now find a full compensation for my services, in a belief that these blessings will be permanently secured by the establishment of a free and efficient government, and you will permit me to say on this occasion, that as nothing could add to the evidence I have formerly received of the invariable attachment of your Commonwealth to the interests and honor of the Union; so nothing could have been more agreeably to me at this time, than the assurances you have given me of the zealous co-operation of its Executive authority, in facilitating the accomplishment of the great object which are committed to my charge.

While I feel my sensibility strongly excited by the expressions of affection and promises of support, which I every where meet with from my countrymen, I entertain a consolatory hope that the purity of my intentions and the perseverance of my endeavours to promote the happiness of my country, will atone for any of the slighter defects which may be discovered in my administration. For whatever may be the issue of our public measures, or however I may err in opinion, I trust it will be believed that I could not have been actuated by any interests separate from those of my country.

Suffer me, gentlemen, to conclude by assuring you that I am well pleased with the Justice you have done to the motives from which I have acted, and by thanking you for the tender concern you have been pleased to manifest for my personal felicity.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 22nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathan Dennison,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Richard Willing,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick, and	
John Smilie,	Christopher Kucher,	

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Thomas Craig, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Montgomery, for fees received for tavern and marriage licences, from March, 1785, till September, 1788, amounting to eight hundred and five pounds three shillings.

Of Edward Crawford, Jun'r, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Franklin, for fees received for tavern and marriage licences, from April the second, 1788, till April, 1789, amounting to one hundred and twenty one pounds eighteen shillings.

Of Alexander Graydon, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Dauphine, for fees received for tavern and marriage licence, from August, 1785, till August, 1788, amounting to four hundred and fifty-one pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence.

Of Caleb Davis, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Chester, for the tax upon five hundred and twelve writs, returnable to November term, 1788, and February term, 1789, amounting to ninety-six pounds.

Of Michael Leib, for medicines and attendance upon Anthony Patterson, a disabled militia man of the county of Philadelphia, amounting to eleven pounds five shillings.

Upon the petition of John Miller, Esquire, late Sheriff of the county of Lancaster, praying Council to remit the several fines imposed by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, upon the following named persons, some of whom it is alledged from the insufficiency of the jail of the said county, made their escape, and others were discharged by order of the Justices, to wit:

Jacob Erb, the fine of	£1 13 0	upon conviction of	larceny.
Mary Floyd,	1 5 0	do.	larceny.
John Sharridon,	1 5 0	do.	larceny.
James Keys,	7 10 0	do.	horse stealing.
Bridget Halter,	0 4 6	do.	larceny.
Hanna White, fined in the sum of	4 2 0		for larceny.
Edward Smith,	0 5 0		larceny.
John Wood,	22 19 6		larceny
Godfrey Ginsen,	17 11 3		larceny.
Michael Stephen,	17 11 3		larceny.
Robert Allison,	27 0 0		horse stealing.
Do.	3 0 0		larceny.

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be granted, except such part thereof as relates to the fines of twenty-seven pounds and three pounds, imposed upon Robert Allison, who is removed to the jail of the county of Philadelphia.

An account of sundry articles for liquors, &ca., furnished to John Franklin, a State prisoner, by James Elliott, from October, 1787, to March, 1789, amounting to eighteen pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence half-penny, was laid before Council, read and referred to the Comptroller General.

Council being informed that the commission granted to James Read, Esquire, as Inspector of flour, is expired; it was

Resolved, To proceed to the appointment of an Inspector of flour for the city and county of Philadelphia, and the votes being taken for the several candidates for the office, it appeared that James Read, Esquire, was re-appointed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 23rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Nathan Dennison,	
James Read,	David Redick,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts, and	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennison, Esquire, for thirty-one pounds five shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council, from the twenty-second day of March till the twenty-third day of April, 1789, inclusively, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home at this time.

The Comptroller General's report upon the accounts of John Hubley, Esq'r, Prothonotary of the county of Lancaster, for fees received for tavern and marriage licenses, from the twenty-second of September, 1788, till the twenty-second of March, 1789, amounting to eighty-eight pounds one shilling, and for the tax upon six hundred and forty writs issued from the twentieth day of September, 1788, till the twentieth day of March, 1789, amounting to one hundred and sixty pounds, was read and approved.

Upon the petition and recommendation in favor of William Cunningham, of the county of Franklin, praying remission of the several fines due to the Commonwealth, and the punishment to hard labor to which he has been sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, upon his being convicted of larceny upon five indictments.

Resolved, That the said William Cunningham be fully pardoned.

A petition and recommendation in favor of Mathias Hollapeter, for remission of the fine of twenty-five pounds to which he was sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held at York Town, for the county of York, in May,

1787, upon his being convicted of a misdemeanor in speaking seditious words, &ca., was read, and an order taken that the fine aforesaid be remitted.

James Read, Esquire, laid before Council a certificate from Mr. Justice Pollard, of his having taken the oath required by act of Assembly, dated the fifth day of April, 1781, to qualify him for the exercise of the office of Inspector of flour for the city and county of Phildelphia.

Ordered, That the said certificate be filed, and that a commission issue to James Read, Esquire, agreeably to his appointment of yesterday.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 24th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Nathan Dennison,	
Amos Gregg,	David Redick,	
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watt, and	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	
John Smilie,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Messieurs Wistar and Ashton, for the sum of four hundred and twenty-five pounds three shillings and ten pence, balance due upon their account for goods purchased by them and delivered to the late Commissioners for Indian Affairs, agreeably to orders of Council of the twenty-seventh of November and fifth of December, 1788.

In favor of Jeremiah Talbot, Esquire, for the sum of seventy-five pounds seven shillings and ten pence, ballance due upon his account as Lieutenant of the county of Franklin, as settled by the Comptroller General on the eighteenth instant.

In favor of Matthew Irwin, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-eight pounds sixteen shillings and one penny, amount of his account for inrolling the laws of the State from February the twenty-second, 1788, till April the second, 1789, and for several copies of acts of Assembly for public use.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the several letters from the Register General, requesting

permission from Council to employ a Clerk to assist him in the execution of his office,

Resolved, That John Donnaldson, Esquire, Register General, be and he is hereby authorized to employ a Clerk for the purpose aforesaid.

Upon the second reading of the report of the committee to whom it was referred to consider of and report to Council, a plan for securing the public records,

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized and directed to take full order thereon.

An application in writing from Mrs. Physick, requesting Council to certify under the great seal the quantity of acres surveyed within the tract of land assigned as a donation to the officers and soldiers of the late Pennsylvania line, was presented to the Board and read, and it was thereupon,

Resolved, That the Secretary take order thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 25th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	David Redick,	
Richard Willing,	Christopher Kucher,	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison, and	
John Smilie,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,		

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the accounts of Jacob Auld, Esquire, Collector of Excise in Montgomery county, for monies received and balances due for excise in said county, from October the twenty-sixth, 1787, to April the sixteenth, 1789, by which it appears that a ballance of twenty-nine pounds fourteen shillings and a half penny is due by Jacob Auld to the State, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 27th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	David Redick,	
Frederick Watt,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	

Upon application of Mrs. Jane Roberts, and agreeably to the Comptroller General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in her favor for seventy-five pounds, payable out of the proceeds of the confiscated estate of John Roberts, deceased, being an annual sum decreed to her by the Supreme Court, agreeably to an act of General Assembly, passed the sixth day of March, 1778, and due the first day of this month.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable David Redick, Esquire, for fifty-six pounds, in full of his account for attendance in Council untill the first day of May, 1789, inclusively, and for mileage coming from Washington county to Philadelphia.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Chambers, Esquire, late Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, for twenty-three pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said county, being the sum for which an order was directed to issue on the seventeenth day of September last, but not being applied for, the order was omitted to be drawn at that time.—See minutes of the seventeenth of September, 1788.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 28th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Christopher Kucher,	
Samuel Edie,	David Redick, and	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Smilie, Esquire, for fifty-four pounds, in full for his at-

tendance in Council from the sixteenth of February until April the twenty-eighth, inclusively.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the application of John Adlum, for a sum of money to defray the expence of locating and surveying the several tracts of land reserved by resolution of Assembly of the twenty-fourth of March last, vizt: at Presque Isle, at Le Beuf, at the head of the navigation of French creek, at the mouth of Canawango, and at the Fort of Venango,

Resolved, That the request of Mr. Adlum cannot at present be complied with, no money being yet appropriated for defraying the expence aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 29th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	David Redick,	⎫
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	⎪
Amos Gregg,	Christopher Kucher, and	⎬ Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	⎪
John Smilie,		⎭

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of William C. Bradford, late Paymaster to the State Navy, by which it appears there is a ballance of two pounds two shillings and five pence specie due from him to the State, was read and approved.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. William Whitman, for thirty pounds, being six months' pension due to him.

A return of militia officers for the first battalion of Northumberland county militia, commanded by Colonel John White, from Lieutenant of the said county, was received and read, and an order taken that commissions issue agreeably thereto.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the accounts of Stephen Collins, for leaden spouts taken from him in the year 1777, for public use, amounting to eighteen pounds sixteen shillings and three pence, was read and approved, and a certificate directed to issue for the amount in favor of said Collins.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 30th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of His Excellency Benjamin Franklin, for seventy-seven pounds five shillings and six pence, amount of his account for postage of public letters paid by him during the time of his Presidentship of this State, according to the Comptroller and Register General's report of the twenty-ninth instant.

In favor of Mr. Francis Bailey, for forty-two pounds five shillings and seven pence, amount of his account for printing work done for the Comptroller General's office, and for inserting in the Freeman's Journal advertisements upon public business, according to the Comptroller and Register General's report of the twenty-ninth of this month.

In favor of the Honorable Abraham Smith, Esquire, for fifty-four pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the seventeenth of February, until the thirtieth of April, 1789, inclusively.

In favor of Frederick Snyder, for fifteen pounds, being one month's wages as doorkeeper to Council, including this day.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the accounts of Mr. William Turnbull, with the Comptroller General's statement thereon, was read the second time, and an order taken that the further consideration thereof be postponed until Saturday next.

The petition of Joshua Elder, presented to Council on the ninth day of April, 1788, stating that he has not appealed from the settlement of his account as late Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, by the Comptroller General, within the time allowed by law, owing to his not receiving timely notice of said settlement, and praying Council to agree to an audit of the said accounts, was read the second time, the Comptroller General's report upon the said petition being also read; it was thereupon,

Resolved, That Council cannot grant the relief prayed for, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

On application of Christian Febiger, Esquire, late Auctioneer of the township of the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia,

Resolved, That Christian Febiger, Esquire, during the time he acted as Auctioneer of the Northern Liberties, hath executed the several duties of the said office with fidelity, and to the satisfaction of the Board.

Council taking into consideration that agreeably to a late act of Assembly, the Guard of Invalids will be discharged from their present service on the first of next month,

Resolved, That under their present circumstances, they be entitled to receive rations for eight days, commencing the first and ending the eighth day of May, to enable them to travel to their respective places of residence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 2nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	
James Read,	David Redick,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie, and	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	

Upon application of William Henry, Esquire, Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for two hundred and seventy-three pounds, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said city and liberties, for defraying the expence of exercising the militia on the ensuing muster days, for which sum he is to account.

Agreeably to a certificate from the Judges of the Supreme Court, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Edward Burd, for seven pounds, being the expences of the Honorable Judge Atlee in coming to and returning from a Supreme Court held at Philadelphia for the term of April, 1789, and a Court of Nisi Prius for Philadelphia county, immediately succeeding the said Supreme Court, and which are not chargeable to the county of Philadelphia.

A petition from several freeholders residing in the district composed of the townships of Londongrove, Newgarden and Britain, in the county of Chester, against an election of Justices of the Peace held in the said district on the day of was read, and an order taken that William Clingan, Philip Scott, and William Hazlet, Esquires, Justices of the Peace in and for the said county, living near the said district, be authorized and directed to investigate the facts stated in the said petition, upon the oaths of

such witnesses as may be adduced, and make report of their proceedings to this Board, in manner and form prescribed in and by an act of the General Assembly intituled "An to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace, throughout this State, &ca.

Upon application of the Attorney General for sundry original papers in the office of the Secretary of the Land office, that are necessary to be produced on the tryal at law respecting the right to Hogg Island,

Ordered, That Mr. Kennedy, Secretary of the Land Office, be authorized and directed to deliver to the Attorney General such papers as in his opinion will be useful upon the said tryal, taking a receipt to return them to the said office when the tryal is ended.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the motion of Colonel Miles for appropriating a lot of ground in the city of Philadelphia for the interment of deceased strangers,

Resolved, That agreeably to the directions of an act of the General Assembly passed the eighth day of April, 1786, intituled and Act for directing the sale of such of the city lots as remain the property of the State, &ca., the lot of ground situate in the south of Vine street, and between Front and Second streets from Schuylkill, being three hundred and sixteen feet in breadth on said Front and Second streets, and extending in length from Front to Second street, along the south side of Vine street, three hundred and ninety-six feet, be and the same is hereby appropriated as a burial ground for the enterment of deceased strangers and others who may not have been in communion with a religious society at the time of their decease.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Matthias Lukens, convicted in the year 1783 of manslaughter, stating that his brother, one of his sureties for good behaviour, hath delivered him up, that he is now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, and praying Council to remit the security required of him, in consideration of his long confinement, made report, which was read, and Mr. Potts, one of the committee, having reported that he had consulted the Attorney General upon the said petition, who was of opinion that the petitioner's and his mother's bond is sufficient security, thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Matthias Lukens be released from his present confinement, agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

The following report of the committee to whom was referred the accounts of Mr. William Turnbull, with the Comptroller General's reports thereon, was read and adopted, vizt:

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts of William Turnbull, report:

That having examined the same and called on the Comptroller General, and having had an interview with Mr. Turnbull, find that

his only complaint is his not being allowed depreciation on his accounts, which originated and closed with the nominal sum, previous to the passing of the law which ascertained the value of Continental money, and therefore offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the accounts of Mr. William Turnbull, as reported by the Comptroller General, be approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That General Lewis Nichola be and he is hereby directed forthwith to deliver all the public arms, accoutrements, &c., belonging to the State, and now in possession of the Invalids Guards, to Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be directed to lay before Council a list of such officers comprehended in the resolution of this Board of the twelfth of December last, who have not complied therewith.

Mr. Gregg was appointed a member of the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 4th, 1789.

PRESENT :

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	
Abraham Smith,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 5th, 1789.

PRESENT :

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Christopher Kucher,	
Richard Willing,	Samuel Edie,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Frederick Watt,	David Redick,	
Abraham Smith,		

Richard Backhouse, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Commonpleas in and for

the county of Bucks, upon a return made according to law, from the district of the townships of Nockamixon and Durham in the said county.

A return of Field officers of the militia of the county of Montgomery, signed by Abel Morgan, Esquire, Lieutenant of the said county, was received and read and commissions directed to issue agreeably thereto.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 6th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Amos Gregg,	Christopher Kucher,	
Frederick Watt,	David Redick,	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts.	

Agreeably to the minute of the second instant the Comptroller made report of the names of Civil officers in the several counties with the dates to which they have severally settled, which was read and to-morrow assigned for the consideration of the same.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Crawford, for three pounds, payable out of the fund appropriated by act of the General Assembly, dated the twenty-ninth of March, 1787, amount of his account for twenty days labour on the road leading from the Frankstown branch of Juniata, to the river Conemaugh, according to the Comptroller General's, Register General's reports.

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the accounts of Samuel Moore for a rifle gun and accoutrements taken from him by the savages at Frankstown, in Bedford county, while in actual service as a volunteer under Captain Boyd, in 1781, valued at five pounds five shillings, was read and approved.

A petition from Patrick Quinn, convicted of forgery upon two indictments, in the city of Philadelphia, praying Council to remit the sentence which the City Court has passed upon him for the said offence, was read and an order taken that the same be dismissed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 7th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smiley,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	David Redick, and	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's and Register General's reports an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Skerret for twenty shillings, for making four keys for the State Library to be used by Council.

James Thompson and Joseph Lawsen, of the county of Westmoreland, were offered and accepted as sureties for William Perrey's faithfully performing the duties of his office of Sheriff of said county according to law.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Comptroller General containing a list of civil officers, with the dates to which they have severally settled their accounts; and after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof postponed.

A motion was then made by Mr. Redick, and seconded by Mr. Smith, to rescind the resolution of Council dated the fourteenth of November, 1787, respecting an annual enquiry into the conduct of public officers whose appointments are in the power of Council; and after debate thereon, it was resolved to postpone the further consideration of the said motion.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 8th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	David Redick,	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for eighteen pounds fifteen shillings, in

full for his attendance in Council from April the fourteenth till May the eighth, 1789, inclusively.

On motion,

Resolved, That Alexander McGeehan, Esquire, of the county of Cumberland, be and he is hereby appointed Agent for the sale of such estates as have become forfeited to the use of the Commonwealth within the said county, by the attainder of divers traitors under an act of the General Assembly dated the sixth day of March, 1778.

The petition of Frederick Reuehart, convicted of larceny at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at York-town in January last, and sentenced to be imprisoned fifteen months at hard labour, and pay a fine to the Commonwealth, &ea., praying a pardon, was read; a recommendation of him from the Justices of the said court for a pardon being also read; it was thereupon

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 9th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	David Redick, and	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Colonel George Gibson, of Cumberland county, for ninety-six pounds and four pence, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Cumberland, being a ballance due upon his account as Lieutenant of the said county, settled this day.

In favor of James Smith, Francis Silver and John Boggs, for five pounds seven shillings, payable out of the fund appropriated by act of Assembly passed the twenty-first day of September, 1785, for laying out and making an highway from the western parts of Cumberland county to the town of Pittsburgh, to reimburse them for specie advanced towards the expence of laying out and making part of said roads.

Two acts of General Assembly passed at the last sessions, the one entituled "An Act to establish a Board of Appeal within the several counties of this State and to grant exhonerations in cases of

militia fines," and the other entituled "A supplement to the act intituled A supplement to the act intituled An Act to enforce the due collection and payment of taxes within this Commonwealth," were laid before the Board and read; and Council being of opinion that the same ought to be published for the information of the Commissioners and Lieutenants in the several counties, and all other persons concerned; thereupon

Resolved, That one hundred and fifty copies of the acts aforesaid be immediately printed, and that the same be transmitted by the Secretary to the Commissioners and Lieutenants in the several counties, for the information of the people.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 11th, 1789

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Zebulun Potts,	Christopher Kucher, and	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg, and	
Samuel Edie,	Richard Willing,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 12th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Sohn Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	David Redick,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
Samuel Edie,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Amos Gregg,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 13th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	David Redick,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulon Potts,	
Samuel Edie,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Amos Gregg,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

Two orders were drawn in favor of A. L Dallas, for one hundred and seventy-five pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence, and for ninety-six pounds and two pence, payable out of the fund appropriated by act of Assembly dated the third day of October, 1788, the former sum being a ballance due to General John Gibson upon his account of expenditures in the purchase of the Lake Erie tract of land, as settled by the Comptroller and Register Generals; and the latter sum in part of the said Gibson's pay for his services in purchasing the said tract, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of Lewis Nichola, Esquire, for three pounds sixteen shillings and four pence half penny, in full of his account for house rent and fire wood, &ca., due to him as Commandant of the Guard of Invalids until the first instant, according to the Comptroller General and Register General's reports.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 14th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	David Redick,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
Samuel Edie,	Richard Willing, and	
John Smilie,	Amos Gregg,	

Petitions from Elizabeth Mooney, Eleanor Armstrong and Catherine Hayes, severally convicted of larceny, and now confined in the work-house of this city, stating that they have complied with that part of the judgment of the City Court by which they are

sentenced to hard labor, and praying Council to remit the several fines due to the Commonwealth imposed upon them by the said Court, were read, and an order was taken that the several fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the Commonwealth, imposed upon Elizabeth Mooney, Eleanor Armstrong and Catharine Hayes, upon their being convicted as aforesaid, be remitted, according to the prayer of their petitions.

A petition from George Burford, convicted of unlawful gaming and cheating, and now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, praying Council to remit the sentence of fine and imprisonment which the last Court of Quarter Sessions has imposed upon him for the said offence, was read; and thereupon it was

Resolved, To reject the prayer of the petitioner.

Upon the petition of Benjamin Morgan, of the city of Philadelphia, stating that in December last he imported into this State twenty-three barrels of shad, and on the twentieth of the last month re-shipped the same for Charlestown, in South Carolina, but omitted to make an entry of exportation at the Custom House, and praying Council to grant him permission to make such entry in the Custom House as will enable him to cancel the bond given to the Collector of the Customs upon the importation of the said fish.

Resolved, That the said petition be rejected.

A petition from Enoch Supplee, late of the county of Philadelphia, stating that his name has been inserted in the list of persons attainted of High Treason; that he is desirous of returning to his native country, and praying Council to grant him a pardon, was read; and, on consideration, it was

Resolved, That the said Enoch Supplee be pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 15th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Frederick Watt,	David Rediek,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Smilie,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	John Baird,	
Samuel Edie,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Clement Biddle, Esq'r, for eighty-four pounds seven shillings and ten pence, amount of his account for rations supplied the Invalid's Guard from

the first of February untill the eighth of May, 1789, inclusive, according to the Comptroller General and Register General's reports of the thirteenth of this month.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Thomas Scott, Esquire, Prothonotary of Washington county, for fees upon tavern licences received from July to September, 1788, amounting to nine pounds eighteen shillings.

Of Lawrence Keene, Esquire, Prothonotary of Northumberland county, for tavern licenses fees received from August sessions, 1787, to August sessions, 1788, inclusively, amounting to thirty-nine pounds.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 16th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Frederick Watt,	John Baird,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing, and	
John Smilie,	David Redick,	
Christopher Kucher,		

Upon application of Doctor Benjamin Rush, in behalf of the trustees of Dickinson College at Carlisle,

Ordered, That the State Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay to the Trustees of the said College, the amount of six month's interest due the first of last month, upon certain certificates which are the property of the said College, any former order of the Board to the contrary notwithstanding.

A report from Hugh Barclay, William Proctor and Thomas Coulter, Justices of the Peace, appointed to investigate the complaint against the late election of Justices of the Peace in Hopewell township, in the county of Bedford, under an order of Council of the twenty-fourth of March last, was read and considered; and there appearing to Council no sufficient reason to set aside the said election, the same was confirmed, and Thomas Buck was thereupon appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Bedford, he having a majority of votes.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 18th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	Samuel Edie,	
Richard Willing,	John Baird,	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick,	
John Smiley,	Amos Gregg,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 19th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Baird,	
Frederick Watt,	David Redick,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulon Potts, and	
John Smilie,	Amos Gregg,	
Christopher Kucher,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, for thirty-six pounds five shillings in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the twenty-second of March until the nineteenth day of May, 1789, inclusively, deducting eleven days absence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday May 20th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Baird,	
Frederick Watt,	David Redick,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts, and	
John Smilie,	Richard Willing,	
Christopher Kucher,		

Petitions from Samuel Garrigues and Edward Pole, severally praying to be appointed Clerks of the Court of General Quarter

Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia, were read the second time and considered, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions.

The petition of Elisha Mills, of the county of Washington, praying remission of a fine of ten pounds, payable to the use of the Commonwealth, to which he has been sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said Court, upon being convicted of fornication, was read, and an order taken that the prayer of the said petition be granted.

A petition from Benjamin Smith, convicted in July, 1788, of larceny, and sentenced by the City Court to eighteen months hard labour, and to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of four pounds, praying Council to grant him a pardon of the said offence in order that he may when released from confinement, transport himself to New Castle, in Great Britain, was read, and an order taken that the said Benjamin Smith be pardoned on condition of his leaving the State within twenty-four hours after being discharged from jail, and of leaving the United States within two weeks from such discharge, not to return.

A further petition from Patrick Quinn, convicted at the City Court, in January, 1789, of forgery upon two indictments, and sentenced to fine and imprisonment at hard labour, &c., stating that he can procure a passage to Dublin, in Ireland, his native country, in a vessel now ready to sail from this port if he was released from imprisonment, and therefore, praying Council to grant him a pardon, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Patrick Quinn be pardoned on condition of his leaving the United States, and transporting himself beyond the seas, in the manner stated in his petition, not to return.

Petitions from John McGill, convicted of an assault and battery in the county of Northampton; from James Brown, convicted in the county of Philadelphia, of burglary, and from Charles Pryor, convicted in the city of Philadelphia, of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such, praying remission of the fines and punishments at hard labour which have been imposed upon them for their offences, were read, and an order taken that the said petitions be dismissed.

Two petitions from Joseph Rodgers and Casper Kalkerson, alias Kirkisseltle, confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, upon conviction of larceny, stating that the time for which they were sentenced to hard labour is expired, and praying remission of the several fines due from them to the Commonwealth, were read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Upon the petition and recommendation in favor of Jacob Countryman, of the county of Bedford, convicted of an offence against the excise laws of this State, for omitting to make an entry of two

stills with the Collector of Excise in the said county, and fined in the sum of ten pounds, praying remission of that part of the said fine which belongs to the Commonwealth.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 21st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Frederick Watt,	John Baird,	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick,	
John Smilie,	Zebulun Potts,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Francis Johnston, Esquire, Receiver General of the Land Office, for fees received in the said office in the months of November and December, 1788, and January, 1789, amounting to three hundred and fifty-six pounds six shillings, was read and approved.

Henry Westby, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Allegany, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township of Elizabeth, in the said county.

Upon the second reading of the report of the committee on the mode of exchanging the new loan certificates, it was

Resolved, That the following instructions be given to the Comptroller General.

SIR:—To facilitate the exchange of certificates agreeably to Act of General Assembly of the twenty-seventh day of March last, Council have judged it proper to give you the following instructions, vizt:

1st. Every person who in conformity with the said act shall present to you a new loan certificate, may at his option receive from you the Continental certificate or certificates for which the new loan certificate was granted, or receive a like sum of principal in in certificates of debts of the United States which have been paid into the Land office.

2nd. Where new loan certificates have been cancelled and several certificates have been by you given for the amount thereof to enable the party to make payment to the Land office, &ca., and where one or more of the latter shall be presented as part or parts of such new loan certificate, the person presenting the same may in lieu thereof receive so many of the original Continental certificates as

shall be equal to or nearest, and under the amount of the new loan certificates so presented.

3rd. In those instances in which it may be impracticable for you to make the exact amount of a new loan certificate or certificates with Continental certificates, you will issue a new certificate or certificates bearing similar interests for the ballance or ballances.

4th In a sett of books to be prepared for the purpose, you will keep exact and fair accounts of all certificates you may receive, deliver or issue with their numbers, principal sums and dates of interest.

5th. That the ballance of interest to be received or paid by the State according to Act of Assembly, may be ascertained, you will calculate the arrears of interest which may be due on all new loan certificates you may receive, as well as on all Continental certificates you may deliver.

6th. You will receive indents or facilities for all ballances of interest as may be due to the State, and out of the indents or facilities you have received or may obtain from the United States upon the Continental certificates in your possession, you will pay such ballances of interests as may be due from the State.

7th. You will keep exact accounts of all indents so received or paid in books prepared for the purpose.

8th. If you consider it necessary to your own security or to the regularity of your proceedings in the premises, you will demand receipts from all persons to whom you may deliver certificates or indents as well as require vouchers of the certificates or indents which may be delivered or paid to you.

9th. On the first Wednesday in every month you will produce to Council for their inspection, the books in which your transactions relative to the exchange of certificates, according to Act of General Assembly of the twenty-seventh day of March, 1789, are contained.

10th. If any difficulty or obstruction should occur in the execution of the duties required of you by the act above mentioned of the twenty-seventh of March last, by the foregoing instructions you will represent the same to Council that such difficulty or obstruction if possible may be obviated or removed.

You will have the foregoing instructions sett up in your office for the information of all persons concerned.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 23rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esq'rs.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
John Smilie,	Samuel Edie, and	
David Redick,	Christopher Kucher,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Elliott, for ten pounds fourteen shillings and eleven pence, in full of his account for sundry necessaries furnished to John Franklin, a State prisoner, during his late illness in the jail of this city.

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the account of Henry Spiker, Esquire, Paymaster of the Militia of Berks county in 1778, 1780 and 1781, by which it appears that a ballance of two hundred and seventeen pounds six shillings and five pence in State money of 1781, is due him, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 25th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Frederick Watt,	John Baird,	
Richard Willing,	Samuel Edie,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Miles,	
John Smilie,	Christopher Kucher,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Doctor James Hutchinson, for seventeen pounds four shillings and six pence, being the amount of his account for medicine and attendance upon the guard of Invalids from December the seventh, 1788, until May the first, 1789.

The reports of the Comptroller and Register General's upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of David Kennedy, Esquire, Secretary of the Land office, for fees received in the said office in the months of February, March

and April, 1789, amounting to seven hundred and ninety-five pounds seven shillings and six pence.

Of Samuel Benezet, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Bucks, of money received for tavern licences from the year 1783, until April the twenty-eighth, 1789, (the date of the Comptroller's report) amounting to three hundred and sixty-two pounds five shillings and ten pence, and for tax upon writs issued from March term, 1787, to December term, 1788, amounting to one hundred and forty-nine pounds fourteen shillings.

Of Jacob Krug, Esquire, Treasurer of the county of Lancaster, for monies received by him on account of taxes for 1787 and 1788, in said county, amounting to six thousand and six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 26th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	
John Smilie,	Christopher Kucher,	
David Redick,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Frederick Watts, Esquire, for thirty-six pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the eighth day of April to the twenty-sixth of May, 1789, inclusively.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Samuel Turbutt, Esquire, Collector of Excise in the county of Lancaster, for excise collected by him from the second of October, 1788, till the eighth of May, 1789, amounting to two hundred and eighty-six pounds eighteen shillings and six pence, was read and approved.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Evan Owen,

Resolved, That the said Evan Owen be and he is hereby appointed to compleat the road commonly called Nescopeck road, lying between the river Susquehannah at the Falls of Nescopeck and the Lehigh, at or near the Union saw mill, according to an act of the General Assembly passed on the twenty-seventh day of March last, and that he be allowed ten shillings paper money of the emission of 1785, per diem, for his services in compleating the said road. An

order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor, was thereupon directed to issue for the sum of one hundred pounds, being two-thirds of the sum allowed by the said act of Assembly for the purpose above mentioned, he to be accountable.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 27th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Richard Willing,	John Smiley,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Read,	David Redick,	
Frederick Watt,	John Baird,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,		

The reports of the Comptroller and Register General upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of David Espy, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Bedford, for tavern licence fees received from July sessions, 1717, untill October sessions, 1788, amounting to sixty-four pounds sixteen shillings.

Of Hugh Barclay, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Bedford, for cash due to him and persons employed by him in militia services, and for militia stores, amounting to eighteen pounds eight shillings and five pence.

The petition from George Ingram and wife, for a pardon, was dismissed.

Upon application of Mr. Redick, in behalf of William Wilson of Pittsburgh, for an extension of the time allowed him for complying with the terms of his purchase of an island in the Allegany river, occupied by him,

Resolved, That he be allowed the further time of two months from the sixteenth instant, to comply with the said terms.

The account of Anthony Wright for sundry artillery stores, &c., purchased by him and used upon the arrival of the President of the United States in this city, was read, and referred to the Comptroller General to examine the same and report thereon.

Upon the petition of John Schultz, convicted of an assault and battery in the county of Berks, and a recommendation from the person injured,

Ordered, That the fine of twenty-five pounds imposed upon him by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, for the said offence, be remitted.

The fine of ten pounds imposed upon Thomas Brown of the county of Bucks, for not performing the office of a Collector of militia fines in the said county, (he being conscientiously scrupulous against the duties required,) was remitted, agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

Agreeably to the minute of yesterday, Mr. Evan Owen was furnished by the Secretary with a letter of instructions relative to the compleating the road commonly called the Nescopeck road, between the river Susquehanna and Lehigh.

On motion,

Resolved, That Friday next be assigned for the further consideration of the motion to rescind the resolution of the Board of the fourteenth of November, 1787, relative to public officers.

John Hewson, of the Northern Liberties, calico printer, attended the Board, and offered Mr. Peter Smallwood, of this city, as his security for the faithfull application and re-payment of fifty pounds, granted by act of Assembly dated the twenty-seventh of March last, to enable him to enlarge and carry on the business of calico printing and bleaching within this State, and Mr. Smallwood being recommended as an industrious, reputable citizen,

Resolved, That an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said John Hewson for the aforesaid sum of fifty pounds, and that Mr. Smallwood be accepted as security for the repayment thereof, agreeably to the meaning of the said act of Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 29th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	David Redick,	
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Richard Willing,	John Baird,	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher.	

A petition from Patterson Bell of Chester county, accompanyed by a recommendation from the Justices of the Peace of said county, for the pardon of his servant James Carson, who was convicted of larceny at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions, held in the said county, was read, and thereupon; it was

Resolved, That the fine of four pounds due from the said James Carson to the Commonwealth, and the punishment at hard labour to which he was sentenced by the said Court for the said offence, be remitted.

Agreeably to the report of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor, for seventy-eight pounds two shillings and eight pence, being the amount of money expended by him in repairing that part of the bank of Mud Island which by contract is to be kept up by the State.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the consideration of the motion to rescind the resolution of the Board, of the fourteenth day of November, 1787, relative to public officers; when it was on motion,

Resolved unanimously, That so much of the resolution of the Board, of the fourteenth of November, 1787, as declares that the Secretary of Council shall be annually appointed the eighth day after the election of President and Vice President, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 30th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Baird,	
Frederick Watt,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Smilie,	Richard Willing,	
David Redick,		

Upon application of the Secretary, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, towards defraying the expence of the lamps, &ca., placed in the State house yards, and for paying the watchmen employed in guarding the public offices, agreeably to an act of Assembly passed at the last sessions.

Mr. Baird was appointed a member of the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 2nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Amos Gregg,	
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Abraham Smith,	John Smilie,	
David Redick,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds ten shillings, being one month's pay due to him as doorkeeper to Council, ending the thirty-first of May last.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 3rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	John Baird,	
Richard Willing,	Samuel Edie,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Christopher Kucher,	John Smilie,	
Abraham Smith,		

Upon consideration of a recommendation from the Honorable Chief Justice McKean and Judges Atlee and Bryan, for the pardon of a certain John Murphy, who was convicted of larceny at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in the county of York,

Ordered, That the fine due to the Commonwealth, and the punishment at hard labour to which the said John Murphy was sentenced by the said Court, be remitted.

A letter from Robert Parker, Esquire, Collector of Excise in the county of Franklin, inclosing his commission, and requesting Council to accept his resignation of the said office, was received and read, and the said resignation accepted agreeably to his request.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 4th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	David Redick,	Esquires.
James Read.	John Baird,	
Richard Willing,	Samuel Edie,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Christopher Kucher,	John Smilie,	
Abraham Smith,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Robert Aitken, for fifteen pound thirteen shillings and four pence, amount of his account for printing one ream of certificates, and for ruling and binding them into books, for the purpose of keeping the amount of certificates which are to be exchanged agreeably to act of Assembly dated the twenty-seventh day of March last.

A petition from Samuel Brigs, of the city of Philadelphia, with a model of a machine for making nails, screws, and gimblets, requesting the same (being in a box covered with white paper, bound longitudinally and traversely with purple tape, and secured by four seals,) should remain in the possession of the President untill called for by the Congress of the United States or General Assembly of Pennsylvania, to whom he has addressed memorials on the subject, was received in Council, and the said petition being read, it was thereupon agreed that the Secretary of this Board take charge of the said model to deliver it when called for, as stated in the petition.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 5th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	John Baird,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,		

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter of the eighteenth of May last from William Heslit and Philip Scott, Esquires, two of the Justices appointed by Council to investigate the complaint against an election of Justices of the Peace lately held in the district of London Grove, New Garden and London Britain, in the county of Chester,

Resolved, That the election aforesaid be confirmed, and that David Mackey, who had the highest number of votes, be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas for the said county.

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer for one pound ten shillings, in favor of John Scull, amount of his account for inserting in the Pittsburgh Gazette an order of this Board of the twelfth day of December, 1788, requiring public officers to render their accounts into the Comptroller General's office for settlement, according to law.

A petition from Ann Woodley, in behalf of her son John Woodley, who was convicted at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions of the county of Philadelphia of an assault and battery upon a certain Catharine Knuckle, praying remission of the punishment to which he was sentenced for the said offence, was read. A recommendation from the Grand Jury, signed by the foreman, Jacob Morgan, being also read, it was thereupon,

Resolved, That the fine and imprisonment to which the said John Woodley was sentenced by the said Court, be remitted.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 6th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Richard Willing,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick, and	
John Smilie,	James Read,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 8th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick, and	
John Smilie,	Samuel Miles,	
Christopher Kucher,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for twenty-three pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusive.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 9th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Christopher Kucher,	
Amos Gregg,	John Baird,	
James Read,	David Redick,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Smilie,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Abraham Smith, Esquire, for thirty pounds in full of his account for his attendance in Council, from the first of May, until the ninth day of June, 1789, inclusively.

In favor of Messieurs Joseph Rakestraw and William Colliday, for five hundred pounds, in part of the sum of eleven hundred pounds granted by resolution of the General Assembly, dated the twentieth day of March last for repairing the State House, for which first mentioned sum they are to account.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Michael Moser, for thirty bushels of rye furnished to Colonel Lindemuth's detachment of Berks county militia while in service on the frontiers in the year 1780, amounting to seven pounds ten shillings.

Of John Miller, for six beef cattle supplied to the said detachment of militia in the year 1780, while employed as aforesaid, amounting to sixteen pounds five shillings and nine pence.

The committee to whom was referred the motion of Colonel Miles and Colonel as follows, vizt: "That an addition to the instructions of Council to the Comptroller General on the twenty-first of May last, relative to the exchange of certificates, be directed to make a fair statement of each transaction in the said exchange, and to transmit the same to the Register General, together with all certificates intended to be received or delivered, in order that the same may be examined, and proper entries thereof made in the books of the said Register; the certificates after such entry to be returned to the Comptroller General," with an instruction to consult the Judges of the Supreme Court thereon, reported verbally: that having consulted the Chief Justice and Judge Rush, agreeably to the direction of Council, the said Judges were of opinion that Council had the power to order the mode or manner of setling accounts relative to the exchange of certificates as they should think best.

Council proceeded to the consideration of the said motion of Colonel Miles and Colonel Willing, when it was moved by Mr. Edie, seconded by Mr. Redick, to amend the said motion as follows, vizt: "to the Register General, and that proper entries thereof be made in the books of the said Register;" and on the question to agree to the said amendment, the yeas and nays were as follows, vizt:

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. Kucher,	Mr. President,	Mr. Potts,
Mr. Edie,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Baird.
Mr. Redick,	Mr. Smilie,	Mr. Miles,
Mr. Gregg,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Willing.

So it was determined in the negative.

Council then resumed the consideration of the original motion, and on question to agree to the same, the yeas and nays were as follows, vizt:

YEAS—Mr. President,	NAYS—Mr. Read,
Mr. Miles,	Mr. Redick,
Mr. Kucher,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Willing,	Mr. Smilie,
Mr. Potts, and	Mr. Baird, and
Mr. Gregg.	Mr. Edie.

Council being equally divided the question was lost.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petitions of Patrick Jack and James Henry, of the county of Franklin, praying Council to remit the forfeitures to the State which they have incurred by reason of the non-appearance of a certain Hugh Furfey, to answer to a charge of perjury, for whose appearance the petitioners became bound,

Resolved, That the several sums forfeited to the Commonwealth by the petitioners as aforesaid, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 10th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	James Redick,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Baird,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts, and	
John Smilie,	Richard Willing,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores and Superintendent of the Magazine of gunpowder, amounting to eighty-six pounds three shillings and four pence.

Of Adam Hubley, Esquire, Auctioneer of the district of Southwark, for State duty upon goods sold at auction from February the twenty-sixth till May the twenty-first, 1789, amounting to seventy pounds ten shillings and three pence.

Of Nicholas Brosius, Esquire, Collector of Excise in the county of Berks, for excise collected from August, 1786, till August, 1787, amounting to one thousand one hundred and ninety-nine pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence three farthings.

A petition from Barent Jacobs, praying to be discharged from the payment of six pounds due from him to the State for excise, was read, and an order taken that the same be dismissed.

Upon the petition and recommendation in favor of John Stark, who was convicted of fornication at the last Court of Quarter Sessions for Philadelphia county, and sentenced to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of ten pounds, &ca , praying remission of the said fine,

Resolved, That the said fine of ten pounds be remitted.

Upon further consideration of the petition and recommendation in favor of Peter Cleare, of Chester county, praying remission of the fine and punishment at hard labour, to which he was sentenced by a Court of General Quarter Sessions, held in said county in August, 1788, upon being convicted of horse stealing,

Resolved, That the said Peter Cleare be, and he is hereby pardoned.

The several fines of ten pounds and two pounds ten shillings, due to the Commonwealth, which were imposed upon Joseph McGaghan, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Chester county, held in May last, upon his being convicted of assault and battery upon two indictments, were remitted, agreeably to the prayer of his petition and a recommendation accompanying the same.

Upon application of Colonel Francis Mentges,

Resolved, That during the time he acted as Inspector of the militia of this State, he executed the several duties of the said office to the satisfaction of the Board.

A certificate from the Deputy Prothonotary of the Suprme Court, that Mr. Robert Smith, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, hath entered into a recognizance in the sum of fifty pounds, conditioned that William Turnbull shall prosecute with effect, an appeal from the settlement of his account by the Comptroller General, agreeably to act of Assembly dated the eighteenth of February, 1785, was read, and an order taken that the appeal of the said William Turnbull be allowed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 11th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Amos Gregg,	John Baird,	
Richard Willing,	Samuel Edie, and	
Christopher Kucher,	David Redick,	

A petition from the faculty of the University, stating that the University is now to be kept in the Philosophical Hall near the State House, and that as there is no bell belonging to that building, praying to have the priviledge of ringing the bell of the State House at eight o'clock in the morning during the summer season, and at nine in the winter, and at two of the clock in the afternoon of both, for the purpose of giving notice to the students of the regular and prescribed time of attendance on their studies in that institution, was read; and thereupon, it was

Resolved, That the priviledge prayed for, be granted to the said institution until Tuesday the eighteenth day of August next, when the Legislature are to meet.

Upon the report of the committee to whom was referred the second petition from John Logue, confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, upon conviction of larceny, and upon consideration of all the circumstances of his case, it was

Resolved, To pardon the said John Logue, and a pardon was accordingly issued.

A letter from the President of the United States enclosing an act of the Congress of United States, entituled "An Act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths, passed the first of June, instant, and a resolution relative to the temporary mode of transmitting the acts of government, was received and read, and an order taken that Tuesday next be appointed for the consideration of the said inclosures.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 12th, 1789

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Baird, and	
Christopher Kucher,	David Redick, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Samuel Edie,	

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from the Comptroller General, relative to certain city lots purchased in by him at public sale, for which he hath paid the purchase money, offering to take them to his own use, or that the State upon returning him the money paid, may have them again, in order that they may be sold for the benefit of the Commonwealth,

Resolved, That the lots so purchased and paid for by Mr. Nicholson, should be considered as his property, and patents issue to him accordingly.

The committee to whom was referred the representation from the Justices and others of Huntingdon county, relative to some late disturbances in that county, made a report which was read, and

On motion,

Ordered, That to-morrow be assigned for the consideration of the said report and representation.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 13th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	David Redick,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Baird,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie, and	
John Smilie,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Anthony Wright, for sixty-three pounds and sixpence, being a balance due to him upon his account of sundry articles purchased for compleating the ordinance stores of the artillery, and the expence of fireworks displayed on the arrival of the President of the United States in this city.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire for twenty-three pounds fourteen shillings, to reimburse him for a further sum advanced, for repairing that part of the bank of Mud Island, which by contract with the present tenant, is to be kept up at the expence of the State.

In favor of James Elliott for eleven pounds eight shillings, in full of his account for nine weeks and two days' boarding John Franklin, a State prisoner, from March the thirty-first to June the fourth, 1789, and for twelve weeks' hire of a bed for the said prisoner during his illness.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of General John Gibson, for his services as a Commissioner for the purchasing of Indian claims to the Lake Erie tract of land, by which a ballance of three hundred and twenty-three pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence appears to be due to him from the State.

Of General Richard Butler, for his services as a Commissioner for the purchase of the said tract, by which a ballance of four hundred and eighty-three pounds six shillings and eight pence appears to be due to him from the State.

Of Benjamin Justice and Samuel Dehart, for their pay as seven months' men in the late army, the former amounting to forty-five pounds and the latter to seventeen pounds ten shillings.

Upon the second reading of the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from the Receiver General of the Land office, relative to several city lots, numbered from 2265 to 2275, and from 2302 to 2315, inclusively, purchased by Doctor David Christie and Joseph Mercier,

Resolved, That the Receiver General of the Land Office be instructed to dispose of the said lots at public sale, according to the conditions of the former sale.

The committee to whom was referred the applications of Captains McCurdy and Ferguson for money to defray the expence of recruiting, made a verbal report, that there is no money appropriated for that purpose; and it was thereupon

Resolved, That the request of Captains McCurdy and Ferguson cannot be complied with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the representation from the Justices and others of Huntington county, relative to some late disturbances in that county, be postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 15th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	John Baird,	
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie, and	
John Smilie,	David Redick,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 16th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Baird,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	David Redick, and	
John Smilie,	Richard Willing,	

Walter Finney, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the townships of Londonderry and New London, in the county of Chester, upon a return made according to law for the said district.

Agreeably to the minute of the eleventh instant, Council proceeded to the consideration of the act of the Congress of the United States passed the first of this month, entituled "An Act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain ooths," and the same being read the second time, the oath or affirmation required by the said act was duly administered to and taken by the President, the Vice President, and

Mr. Miles,	Mr. Read,
Mr. Gregg, (affirmed,)	Mr. Kucher,
Mr. Willing,	Mr. Redick,
Mr. Edie,	Mr. Potts, (affirmed.)

Note.—Mr. Smilie and Mr. Baird required a little time to consider, and did not take the oath.

The oath required by the said act was then administered to and taken by the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary take order for the immediate printing of one hundred and fifty copies of the aforesaid act.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 17th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	David Redick,	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
Samuel Edie,	John Baird,	
James Read,	John Smilie,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of His Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, for three hundred and seventy-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as President of the State, for which sum he is to account.

Two orders were drawn in favor of the Honorable David Redick, Esq'r; one for forty-four pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the second day of May until the nineteenth day of June, 1789, inclusively, and his mileage from Philadelphia to Washington county; and the other for thirty-three pounds and eight pence, being a ballance due upon an account settled by the Comptroller and Register General, for his services and expences in surveying two islands in the rivers Ohio and Allegany, and for surveying and dividing the reserved tract of land opposite Pittsburgh into town and out lots, agreeably to order of Council dated the twenty-eighth of November, 1787, and an act of Assembly dated the eleventh of September, in the same year.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for thirty-nine pounds seven shillings and eight pence, for defraying the expence of further repairs of that part of the bank of Mud island which by contract with the tenant is to be kept up at the expence of the State, according to the Comptroller and Register General's report.

Upon the second petition from Barent Jacobs, praying to be discharged from the payment of six pounds due from him to the Commonwealth for Excise,

Resolved, That the same is not within the power of the Board to grant, and that therefore the petition be dismissed.

Council proceeded to the further consideration of the report of the Committee relative to the late disturbances in Huntingdon county; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Committee be instructed to deliver the papers to the Judges of the Supreme Court and Attorney General, and request their opinion with respect to the propriety of Councils issuing a Proclamation offering a reward in this stage of the business.

Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Thomas Kelly, who was convicted of larceny in December, 1788, and sentenced to fine and imprisonment at hard labour, praying remission of the fine and punishment aforesaid, and it being represented to the Board that he is languishing under a dangerous illness; it was thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Thomas Kelly be and he hereby is pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June the 18th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	John Baird,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts, and	
John Smilie,	Samuel Edie,	

Council being authorized and required by act of the Legislature, passed the third day of March, 1788, to apply the money arising from the late Lottery for raising the sum of forty-two thousand dollars, under an Act of Assembly dated March the fifteenth, 1784, towards repairing certain part of the Lancaster road, and towards improving the navigation of the river Schuylkill.

Resolved, That the managers of the said Lottery be and they are hereby requested to exert themselves in the collecting of all money which may be outstanding and due on the sale of tickets, to enable Council to comply with the designs of the General Assembly.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer for forty-two pounds six shillings and eight pence, for defraying the expence of further repairs to that part of the bank of Mud island, which by contract with the tenant is to be kept up at the expence of the State, according to the Comptroller and Register General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 19th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	David Redick,	
Samuel Smilie,	John Baird, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Samuel Edie,	

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to inform the trustees of the Loan office that it is inconvenient to Council to permit them to occupy any longer their Committee Room, and to request them to remove their papers to the room occupied by the Commissioners of Bankrupt.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, for seventy-five pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the thirteenth instant, as Judge of the Court of Admiralty of this State, according to the Comptroller General's and Register General's reports, and an Act of Assembly dated the twenty-ninth day of September, 1787.

John Weitzel, Esquire, was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Northumberland, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township of Augusta.

Upon consideration of the petition of Barnabas Oldwine, and a recommendation in his favor from many respectable inhabitants of the borough of Carlisle, in the county of Cumberland, for the remission of the fines payable to the use of the Commonwealth, and the punishment at hard labour, to which the petitioner was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county in July, 1787, upon his being convicted of larceny upon two indictments,

Resolved, That the said Barnabas Oldwine be and he hereby is pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 20th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE Ross, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie, and	
Christopher Kucher,	John Baird,	
John Smilie,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Robert Aitken, for fifteen pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, in full of his account for printing blank certificates and binding them into books for entering the certificates which are to be re-exchanged, agreeably to act of Assembly passed at the last sessions.

And in favor of John Crosby, for fifty-three pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, in full for stone for repairing that part of the bank of Mud Island which by contract is to be kept up at the expence of the State, according to the Comptroller and Register General's report.

A letter from the Honorable Robert Morris and William Maclay, inclosing a copy of a bill to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States, as reported to the Senate by a committee appointed for that purpose, was received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 22nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE Ross, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
John Smilie,	Christopher Kucher, and	
John Baird,	Samuel Miles,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 23rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,
Amos Gregg,
John Smilie,
Christopher Kucher,
Samuel Edie,
John Baird, and
Zebulun Potts,
} Esquires.

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of James Hennesly, for three pounds fourteen shillings and eight pence, amount of his account for hauling twenty-eight perch of stone for repairing that part of the bank of Mud Island, which, by contract with the tenant, is to be kept up at the expence of the State.

In favor of Eve Withington, for the sum of five pounds five shillings and ten pence, being a ballance due upon her account for boarding twenty State prisoners during their stay in the town of Reading on their way to Staunton, in the State of Virginia, by order of Council dated the ninth day of September, 1777, and in pursuance of a resolution of Congress dated the eighth of the same month.

Upon consideration of the petition of Cornelia Cross, (widow,) for the pardon of a negroe boy named Cuff, (the property of her children,) who was convicted at the Mayor's Court held on the eighteenth of this month, and sentenced to pay a fine of forty-five shillings, and to be imprisoned six weeks at hard labour,

Resolved, That the said negroe Cuff be and he hereby is pardoned.

The fine of fifty pounds due to the State, which was imposed upon Hugh Hagen by the City Court held in April, 1788, upon his being convicted of a cheat, was remitted, agreeably to the prayer of his petition, Council being informed, by a certificate from the jailor that the term of his imprisonment is expired, and that he is unable to pay the said fine.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to take effectual measures for obtaining an exact account of all persons who have licence to sell spirituous liquors by retail in the city, and the several counties of the State, together with the residence of the retailers, in order that information thereof may be given to the Legislature at their next meeting.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 24th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie, and	
Amos Gregg,	John Baird,	
Christopher Kucher,		

Council taking into consideration the Act of Assembly passed the twenty-seventh of March last, appropriating the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds for opening and repairing the public road through Black's Gap, and also a representation from sundry inhabitants of the counties of York and Franklin,

Resolved, That the Honorable Samuel Edie, member of this Board, and Moses McClean and Benjamin Chambers, be and they are hereby appointed to contract with some person or persons, to compleat the road through Black's Gap, between Chambersburgh and York Town, agreeably to the said act of Assembly, and that an order issue to the Treasurer for the sum of fifty pounds, payable to Mr. Edie, to enable the said gentleman to proceed in the said business, and for which sum they are to be accountable.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Edie, Esquire, for the sum of sixty-three pounds, amount of his account for attendance in Council two days in December, 1788, and from the fourteenth of April until the twenty-sixth of June, 1789, inclusively, and also for mileage coming to Philadelphia, and returning home.

In favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, due to him on the eighteenth of this month, according to the Comptroller and Register General's reports.

In favor of John Reynolds, keeper of the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, for the sum of fourteen pounds nine shillings and ten pence, amount of his account for the expence of removing John Franklin, a State prisoner from the said jail to the jail of the county of Northampton.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Jacob Blythe and Benjamin Beaver, for their pay as eighteen months, men in the late army of the United States, amounting, each of them, to the sum of forty-five pounds.

A certificate from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Washington county, that a division of the township of Amwell, in the said county, for the more convenient election of Justices of the Peace is become proper and will be usefull, which was read the seventh of November last, was read the second time: thereupon,

Ordered, That the said division for the purposes aforesaid be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Upon the petition of Michael Rinn, praying remission of a fine of fifty pounds to which he was sentenced by the City Court held in November, 1788; and it appearing to Council that his term of servitude is expired, it was

Resolved, To remit the said fine.

Upon the petition of William Porter, confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia for larceny, praying a pardon,

Resolved, That the said William Porter be pardoned, on condition of his leaving the United States in one month from this date, not to return.

On application of Captain Jeremiah Fisher, of the Artillery,

Ordered, That one of the carriages of a twelve pounder cannon, which has been broken and rendered unfit for use, be now repaired, the expence of which repairs not to exceed five pounds ten shillings specie.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 25th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires,
James Read,	John Baird,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Samuel Edie,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Smilie, for fifty-nine pounds five shillings, and in favor of the Honorable John Baird, for forty-seven pounds five shillings, in full of their several accounts for attendance in Council untill the twenty-sixth of this month inclusive, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

A letter from Governor Clinton, inclosing a resolution of the Senate and Assembly of the State of New York, being an application to Congress on the subject of amendments to the Constitution of the United States, and requesting Council to communicate it to the General Assembly of this State, was received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 26th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, John Smilie,
James Read, Samuel Edie, and
Christopher Kucher, Amos Gregg,
John Baird, } Esquires.

On motion,

Mr. Kucher was appointed to attend as a member of the Board of Property this month, in the place of Mr. Baird, who leaves Council this day.

Upon application of the Secretary of Council, leave of absence was given him for six weeks, his health requiring it.

Upon the petition of John Ryan, alias Martin Bowes, William Holton, alias William Courtney, George Wall and John Hunous, convicted of larceny, and now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, stating that their times of servitude are expired, and praying remission of the fines which was imposed upon them; and it being represented to Council that they have behaved peaceably and orderly during their imprisonment,

Resolved, That the several fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the Commonwealth by the said John Ryan, alias Martin Bowes, William Holton, alias William Courtney, George Wall and John Hunous, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 27th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, John Baird,
Amos Gregg, Samuel Edie,
James Read, Zebulun Potts, } Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,

A letter from the Honorable Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, requesting Council to accept the resignation of his office of Judge of the High Court of Errors and Appeals of this State; and also the

offices of President of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and of Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Bucks, was received and read; and it was thereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Wynkoop's resignation of the said offices be accepted, and that a new election of Justices of the Peace within the district of Northampton and Southampton, in the said county, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the said resignation, be now ordered.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 29th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Christopher Kucher, James Read, Zebulun Potts, Amos Gregg, } Esquires.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General and Register General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as Chief Justice of this State, ending the twenty-fifth day of this month.

In favor of the Honorable George Bryan, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, ending the twenty-fifth of this month.

In favor of John Donaldson, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the twenty-eighth of this month, as Register General of the public accounts of this State, agreeably to act of General Assembly, dated the twenty-eighth of March last.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 30th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Christopher Kucher, and James Read, Zebulun Potts, Amos Gregg, } Esquires.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds, being his wages as Door-keeper to Council for the month of June, 1789.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 1st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, James Read, Amos Gregg, Christopher Kucher, and Zebulun Potts, } Esq'rs.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Miles, for one hundred and sixteen pounds five shillings, for his attendance in Council from the twentieth of January to the thirtieth of June, 1789, inclusively, deducting seven days' absence.

In favor of the Honorable Amos Gregg, Esquire, for sixty-five pounds five shillings in full, for his attendance in Council from the first day of April to the last day of June, 1789, inclusively, deducting four days' absence.

In favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, Esquire, for thirty one pounds ten shillings in full, for his attendance in Council from the twentieth of May to the thirtieth of June, 1789, inclusively.

In favor of Matthew Irwin, Esquire, Master of the Rolls of this State, for inrolling the laws of the Commonwealth, for thirty-four pounds fourteen shillings and five pence, being the amount of his account from February the twenty-eighth, 1787, to March the twenty-eighth, 1788, according to the Comptroller General's and Register General's reports.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Benjamin Blythe, Esquire, late Sub-Lieutenant of Cumberland county, for cash advanced by him as a bounty to Stephen Cessna, who inlisted in June, 1780, to serve as a seven months' man in the Continental Army, amounting to sixteen pounds five shillings and two pence, was read and approved.

Upon consideration of the petition and recommendation in favor of Leonard Lesher, who was convicted at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the county of Philadelphia, of keeping a disorderly house, praying remission of the fine of twenty-five pounds due to the State, imposed upon him by the said Court for the said offence,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted, in consideration of his poverty, and it being represented to Council that this is the first offence.

Upon consideration of the petition and recommendation in favor of Anthony Cagle, for remission of the punishment at hard labour

to which he was sentenced by the last Mayor's Court, upon being convicted of receiving a bank note, knowing it to have been stolen,

Resolved, That the said Anthony Cagle be and he hereby is pardoned.

A petition from John Philip De Haas, of the city of Philadelphia, stating that his negroe lad Robert, about sixteen years of age, was convicted of receiving stolen goods at the last Mayor's Court, and praying that in consideration of his youth, Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon of the said offence, was received and read; and on consideration, it was

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Upon consideration of the petition and recommendation in favor of Robert Cunnard, late of Norristown, in the county of Montgomery, who was attainted of high treason for having joined the British army in the year 1777, praying Council to take his case into consideration and grant him a pardon,

Resolved That the said Robert Cunnard be and he is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 2nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg,	Christopher Kucher,	} Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Samuel Miles,	James Read,	

William Hepburn, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Northumberland, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township of Loyalsock, in the said county.

Upon consideration of a memorial from a committee of public creditors, stating the great hardships they labour under in consequence of the delay in payment of the interest which is due to them from the Treasury of this State,

Ordered, That the Secretary write a circular letter to the Commissioners of the several counties, directing them to take the most effectual measures for collecting all arrearages of public taxes in their respective counties.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 3rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	

Upon application of Miers Fisher, Esquire, attorney of Christiana Gulielma Gaskill, that Council would be pleased to appoint a time for hearing (before them,) the objections of the Attorney General, to granting the prayer of the petition of the said Gulielma Gaskill, to wit: that he, the Attorney General, be directed to receive a declaration in ejectment on her demise, to try her title to three equal fourths parts of divers lots of ground, containing in breadth north and south, one hundred and two feet, and extending across the intervading streets of the city from the west side of Delaware Fourth street to the river Schuylkill,

Resolved, That Tuesday next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be appointed for the said hearing, if convenient to the Attorney General.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 6th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Abraham Smith, and	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 7th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Miles,	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Zebulun Potts,		

Council being informed that it is not convenient for the Attorney General to attend the hearing appointed for this day, upon the

application of Miers Fisher, Esquire, Attorney of Christian Gulielma Gaskill,

Resolved, That the same be postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 8th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read, Samuel Miles,
Amos Gregg, Richard Willing, and
Christopher Kucher, Zebulun Potts,
Abraham Smith, } Esquires.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of William Shannon, Esquire, Auctioneer of the Northern Liberties, for the State duty upon goods sold at auction, between the twentieth of March and twenty-sixth of June, 1789, amounting to one hundred and eight pounds two pence half-penny.

Of Henry Berntheisel, for his pay as a seven months' man in the late army of the United States, under Captain Hubley of Lancaster county, amounting to seventeen pounds ten shillings.

The fine imposed upon Jacob Houser by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Montgomery county, upon his being convicted in September, 1788, of keeping a tipling house, was remitted, agreeably to the prayer of his petition and a recommendation from two of the Justices of the said Court.

Upon consideration of the petition and respectable recommendation in favor of Margaret Summers, late Margaret Ellis, who was convicted of larceny at the last Mayor's Court, praying a pardon of the said offence in consideration of her youth,

Resolved, That the said Margaret Summers be, and she hereby is pardoned.

On motion,

Resolved, That the consideration of the several accounts sent up by the Comptroller General previous to the present month, appointed for this day, be postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 9th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Zebulun Potts,
Amos Gregg, Abraham Smith, and } Esquires.
Christopher Kucher, Samuel Miles,

Upon consideration of the petition and recommendation in favor of Wood Lloyd, for remission of the fine of ten pounds, payable to the use of the Commonwealth, to which he was sentenced at the last Court, upon being convicted of retailing spirituous liquors by the small measure, without licence so to do,

Resolved, That the said fine of ten pounds be remitted.

A petition from Thomas Gregory, convicted of larceny at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held in and for the county of Philadelphia, and sentenced to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of six pounds eleven shillings, and to undergo a servitude of eighteen months hard labour, praying that Council would be pleased to remit the said fine and punishment at hard labour, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 10th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Samuel Miles,
Amos Gregg, Christopher Kucher, and } Esquires.
Zebulun Potts, Abraham Smith,

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-seven pounds three shillings and eight pence, amount of his account for further repairs done to that part of the bank of Mud Island, which by contract is to be kept up at the expence of the State.

In favor of John Donaldson, for thirty-five pounds seven shillings and six pence, amount of his account for the hire of a clerk in the Register General's office, from April the third till July the third, 1789.

A petition in favor of Henry Wells of York county, for remission of the punishment to which he was sentenced, upon being convicted of a robbery in the county of York aforesaid, was read and dismissed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 11th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Amos Gregg, and	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Zebulun Potts, Esquire, for the sum of seventy-two pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council, from the first day of April untill July the eleventh, 1789, inclusively, deducting five days absence.

Upon a recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the county of Philadelphia, a licence was granted to James Williams to follow the employment of a hawker and pedlar within the said county, until the ninth day of July next, he having entered security as the law directs.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 13th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Christopher Kucher, and	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	

Two orders of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Huntingdon, for erecting the town of Huntingdon and that part of the township of Huntington which is bounded by Cumberland county, the river Juniata, the Warrior Ridge and the line of Barree township, into a separate district, for the more convenient election of Justices of the Peace; and also the north end of Tyrone township, beginning on the Little Juniata river, in the line of Huntington township, thence up the same to the corner of Frankstown township, at Logan's Narrows, thence by

the line of Frankstown township to the line of Northumberland county, thence by the same to the corner of Barree township, thence by the line of Barree to the line of Huntington, and thence by the same to the place of beginning, containing township and district for the purpose aforesaid; which were received and read in Council on the ninth of April last, were read the second time, and an order taken that the districts as above described for the purpose of electing Justices of the Peace, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the twenty-seventh of March, 1784, be and the same are hereby confirmed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 14th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles, Christopher Kucher, Abraham Smith, Amos Gregg, James Read, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer vizt:

In favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for twenty-seven pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the ninth of June until the fourteenth of July, 1789, inclusively.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Comptroller General on the thirteenth instant; and for the sum of fifty pounds, for one quarter's salary due to his Clerk on the tenth of this month, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the fourth day of April, 1785.

The fine of ten pounds which was adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by John Coburne, upon his being convicted at the last Mayor's Court of keeping a tipling house, was remitted, upon his petition and a recommendation accompanying the same.

Upon the second reading of the petition of Arthur French, praying remission of the punishment to which he was sentenced, upon being convicted of a cheat at the last Mayor's Court,

Resolved, That the same be dismissed.

A letter from the President of the United States, dated New-York, July the ninth, 1789, inclosing an act of Congress of the United States for laying a duty on goods, wares and merchandize, imported into the United States, passed the fourth instant, was received and read, and ordered to be filed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, July 15th, 1789, Wednesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Christopher Kucher, and
James Read, Abraham Smith, } Esquires.
Amos Gregg,

The Comptroller General's and Register General's report upon the account of George Gerling, for his pay as a seven months' man in the late army of the United States, amounting to sixteen pounds ten shillings, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 16th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles, Christopher Kucher,
James Read, Abraham Smith, } Esquires.
Amos Gregg,

Agreeably to the Comptroller General & Register General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Donnaldson, Esquire, for thirty-eight pounds three shillings and two pence, amount of his account of cash paid for sundry large blank books for keeping a register of the accounts of this Commonwealth, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth day of March last, and for stationary furnished for the said Register's office.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 17th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg, Christopher Kucher, and
James Read, and Abraham Smith, } Esquires.
Samuel Miles,

Matthew Irwin, Esquire, Recorder of Deeds for the city and county of Philadelphia, and Master of the Rolls for this Common-

wealth, appeared in Council, and took the oath required by an act of Congress passed the first of June last.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 18th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Christopher Kucher, and
James Read, Abraham Smith, } Esquires.
Amos Gregg,

Upon application of Samuel Caldwell, Esquire,

Resolved, That the said Samuel Caldwell, during the time he hath acted as Collector of the duty of Tonnage in this Commonwealth, he hath executed the several duties of the said office with fidelity and to the satisfaction of the Board.

Upon consideration of the petition and recommendation in favor of James McMurphy, who was convicted at the last Mayor's Court of an assault and battery and sentenced to pay a fine of fifty pounds to the use of the Commonwealth, and to find security for his good behaviour for one year, and it appearing to Council by a letter from the Mayor of the city, that the said James McMurphy has complied with that part of his sentence which requires security for his good behaviour, and that he remains imprisoned for his fine only,

Resolved, That the said fine of fifty pounds be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 20th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Christopher Kucher,
Amos Gregg, Abraham Smith, and } Esquires.
James Read, Zebulun Potts,

The Honorable the Chief Justice McKean, Judges Atlee, Rush and Bryan, with the Attorney General, Mr. Bradford, and the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, Mr. Burd, appeared in Council and

took the oath prescribed by the act of Congress, of the first of June, 1789.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 21st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith, and	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 22, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Abraham Smith, and	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary, due to him on the twenty-fifth of June last, as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

In favor of the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Vice President of the State, ending the fifth of this month.

Upon consideration of the petition of John Wilson, who was attainted of high treason by proclamation of Council, dated the eighth of May, 1778, issued in pursuance of an act of General Assembly dated the sixth day of March, in the same year, praying (for the reasons stated in his petition) that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon, so far as respects his person only,

Resolved, That the said John Wilson be and he is hereby pardoned.

Upon consideration of the petition of John Thompson, convicted of a cheat and of an assault and battery, praying remission of the fines to which he was sentenced upon being convicted as aforesaid; and it appearing to Council, by a certificate from the Jailor, that his term of servitude is expired,

Resolved, That the fine of fifteen pounds and of five pounds, which were imposed upon the petitioner, be and the same are hereby remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 23rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Abraham Smith,
Amos Gregg, Zebulun Potts, and } Esquires.
Christopher Kucher, Samuel Miles,

Upon application of John Hewson, requesting Council to grant him an order for fifty pounds, being the second installment allowed by act of Assembly passed the twenty-seventh day of March last, to assist him in carrying on his business of callico printing and bleaching within this State, and that Council would be pleased to accept Peter Smallwood as surety for the faithfull application and repayment of the said sum in the time mentioned in the said act,

Resolved, That an order issue in favor of John Hewson for the aforesaid sum of fifty pounds, and that the said Peter Smallwood be accepted as his surety.

A draft of a proclamation, notifying all persons concerned within this State of the necessity of taking the oath required by the act of Congress passed the first day of June last, was laid before the Board, read, and agreed to, as follows, vizt:

Pennsylvania, ss:

By the President and Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States provides that the members of the several State Legislatures and all Executive and Judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by oath or affirmation to support the said Constitution:

And Whereas, By an act of the said United States, passed on the first day of June now last past, it is provided that the oath or affirmation required by the sixth article of the said Constitution shall be administred in the form following, to wit: I, A B, do solemnly swear or affirm (as the case may be) that I will support the Constitution of the United States:

And whereas, It is in and by the said act also directed and required, "that the members of the several State Legislatures, at the next sessions of the said Legislatures, respectively, and all Executive and Judicial officers of the several States who have been heretofore chosen or appointed, or who shall be chosen or appointed before the first day of August next, and who shall then be in office, shall, within one month thereafter, take the same oath or affirmation, except where they shall have taken it before, which may be administered by any person authorized by the law of the State in which such office shall be holden to administer oaths; and the members of the several State Legislatures and all Executive and Judicial officers of the several States who shall be chosen or appointed after the said first day of August, shall, before they proceed to execute the duties of their respective offices, take the foregoing oath or affirmation, which shall be administered by the person or persons who, by the law of the State, shall be authorized to administer the oath of office; and the person or persons so administering the oath hereby required to be taken, shall cause a record or certificate thereof to be made, in the same manner as by the law of the State he or they shall be directed to record or certify the oath of office, which said act has been transmitted to Council, in order that the same may be duly made known and promulgated within this Commonwealth:

And whereas, For the convenience of those whom it may concern, and that they may have knowledge thereof, Council hath caused copies of the said act to be transmitted to the Prothonotarys of the several Court of Common Pleas within this State, with directions to make the same known within their respective counties. We have therefore thought proper to issue this proclamation, in order that no one may pretend ignorance of the premisses, and that all persons whom it may concern may have knowledge thereof and govern themselves conformably to the said Constitution and recited act.

Given in Council, under the hand of his Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, President, and the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-third day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Commonwealth the fourteenth.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

ATTEST:—CHARLES BIDDLE, Sec'ry.

Colonel Miles informed the Board that Casper Snyder, Cooper, living on Vine street wharf, was the son of the Mr. Snyder men-

tioned in the letter transmitted by the President of the United States yesterday, and Colonel Miles had leave to take the German letter which was inclosed for the use of the said Snyder.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 24th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Zebulun Potts, Amos Gregg, Christopher Kucher, and Samuel Miles, Abraham Smith, } Esquires.

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the account of George Graff, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Northampton, for cash received on account of Court fines in October and December terms, 1788, amounting to twenty-seven pounds, was read and approved.

Council took into consideration the case of William Cole, now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, under sentence of death for a robbery, of which he was convicted at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held at Philadelphia the sixteenth instant, and a transcript of the record of his conviction being read, it was thereupon,

Ordered, That execution of the sentence of the said Court be made and done upon him, the said William Cole, on Wednesday the twenty-ninth instant, between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon and two in the afternoon at the usual place of execution, and a warrant under the Lesser Seal directed to the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, was accordingly issued.

Upon further consideration of the petition of Anthony Cuthbert, stating his claim to divers city lots in right of Rees Price, under a patent dated the sixteenth of November, 1691, from the first proprietor of Pennsylvania,

Resolved, That Friday the twenty-first day of August next, be assigned for hearing the said Anthony Cuthbert, touching his said claim, and that the Attorney General and Land officers be requested to attend Council at the same time.

Upon application of John Wilson, for copies of the Proclamation of Council, dated the eighth of May, 1778, by which he was attainted of high treason, and of the petition which he lately presented to Council for a pardon,

Resolved, That the request of John Wilson be complied with, and the Secretary be directed to furnish the said copies with a certificate under the Seal of the State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 25th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts, and	
James Read,	Amos Gregg,	
Christopher Kucher,		

Upon consideration of the petition and respectable recommendation from a number of the inhabitants of the bourough of Carlisle, and from Mr. Justice Weiss, of this city, for the pardon of a certain Richard Crane, who was convicted at the last Mayor's Court of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such, and senteneed to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of four pounds ten shillings, and to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the term of six months, &ea.,

Resolved, That the said Richard Crane be and he is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 27th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith.	Esquires.
James Read,	Richard Willing, and	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,		

A letter from the President of the United States to His Excellency the President of this State, inclosing an Act of Congress passed the twentieth day of this month, imposing a duty upon tonnage, and requesting that the receipt of the several Acts of Congress may be acknowledged by the President of this State, was received and read.

A letter from Thomas Fitzsimmons, Esquire, one of the Delegates from this State in Congress, addressed to the President of this State, on the subject of certain certificates of this State now in the Treasury of the United States, was also received and read,

On motion,

Resolved, That on Wednesday next Council will go into the appointment of a Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, Clerk

of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and of the Orphans' Court for the county of Northumberland, the said offices having become vacant by the death of Lawrence Keene, Esquire.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 28th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Abraham Smith, Richard Willing, Zebulun Potts, and James Read, Amos Gregg, Christopher Kucher, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 29th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Zebulun Potts, James Read, Amos Gregg, and Christopher Kucher, Richard Willing, Abraham Smith, } Esquires.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the appointment of a Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and Clerk of the Orphans' Court for the county of Northumberland, in the room Lawrence Keene, Esquire, lately deceased, and the ballots being taken for the several candidates, it appeared that Jasper Ewing was duly elected to the said several offices, and he was commissionated accordingly.

On motion,

Resolved, That the said Jasper Ewing be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Northumberland, and that a dedimus potestatem be now issued, directed to Jaspar Ewing, Prothonotary, and John Simpson, the Recorder and Register of the said county.

Upon the second reading of the petition of Arthur French and Thomas McCarty, the former convicted of a cheat and the latter of a nuisance, in keeping a disorderly house, at the last Mayor's

Court, praying remission of the punishment to which they have been severally sentenced for the said offences,

Resolved, That the said petitions be dismissed.

Upon the second reading of the petition of Cronsillat and Oliver, of the city of Philadelphia, merchants, stating, that having imported into this State, from Europe, a quantity of goods, and paid the duty thereon, they shipped the same to St. Domingo, but not being landed there, were brought back to Philadelphia in the same vessel; therefore praying Council to remit the duties charged upon the second importation of the said goods,

Resolved, That Council cannot grant the relief prayed for, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions.

A note from the Trustees and Faculty of the University, to his Excellency the President and Council, requesting the favor of their company to join in procession with the Trustees and Faculty, on the thirtieth and thirty-first instant from the Philosophical Hall to the German church in Race street, to attend the commencement, was received and read, and it was agreed to attend the said procession.

Upon consideration of the petition and recommendation in favor of Ezekiel Bayona, confined in the jail of this city, for remission of a fine of twenty shillings, to which he was sentenced by the Mayor's Court, for an assault and battery upon certain Grace Oberman,

Resolved, That the fine aforesaid be remitted.

The petition of George Benedict, praying Council to grant him some relief, in consideration of his being wounded while doing duty as a gunner in Colonel Hanna's battalion of Dauphine county militia, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That Council cannot grant any relief in this case, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Agreeably to the Comptroller's and Register General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of William Fians, for forty-three pounds five shillings and ten pence, being the ballance due to him upon his account for further repairs done to that part of the bank of Mud Island, which by contract is to be kept up at the expence of the State, amounting to one hundred and twenty-seven pounds, settled the twenty-first instant.

In favor of Philip Cline, for thirteen days' mason work at the aforesaid bank, amounting to six pounds eight shillings and three pence, settled the twenty-fifth instant.

In favor of Messieurs Brown and Shortall, lumber merchants, for three pounds one shilling and ten pence, amount of their account for one thousand feet of rough sap pine boards, sent to Mud Island, and used by the men employed in repairing the aforesaid bank, to walk on out into the mud, settled by the Comptroller General the same day.

In favor of Thomas Hall, for six pounds nine shillings and nine pence, in full for thirteen days and a half of work as a mason at

the aforesaid bank, settled by the Comptroller General the same day.

In favor of John Morrell, for eight pounds two shillings and six pence, amount of his account for gunpowder furnished to the battalion of artillery, under an order of Council dated June the twenty-ninth, 1787, and used upon the anniversary of independance; this account settled February the twenty-sixth, 1789.

In favor of James Hockley, John Jones, Joseph Paul, David Thomas, John Brooke, Jacob Light, Abraham Lincoln, Mordecai Millard, George Gardner, John Mairs, Charles Shoemaker, Henry Holler, Frederick Klecknor, Samuel Baird, Lindsey Coates, Anthony Levering, Robert Currey, John Spohn, John Bishop, George Miller, and Matthias Pennebacker, for the sum of eighty-six pounds seven shillings, being the amount of their several accounts for their several expences as commissioners appointed by act of the General Assembly passed the fifteenth of March, 1784, intituled A supplement to an act entitled An Act for making the river Schuylkill navigable, and for the preservation of the fish in the said river, &ca., and to two supplements to the same act.

On motion,

Resolved, That Tuesday next be assigned for taking into consideration the act of Assembly passed the third day of March, 1788, intituled "A supplement to an act entituled An Act for raising by way of lottery the sum of forty-two thousand dollars, for improving the public roads leading from the city of Philadelphia to the western parts of this State, and towards the improving the navigation of the river Schuylkill," which appropriates one moiety of the neat proceeds of the said lottery for repairing that part of the Lancaster road called Jones' lane, and also for the consideration of the act of Assembly to which the said act is a supplement.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Richard Willing, Esquire, for sixty-six pounds, being in full of his account for attendance in Council from the twenty-first day of March untill the twenty-eighth of July, 1789, deducting thirty-two days for absence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 30th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	Amos Gregg, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	

Jasper Ewing, Esquire, (who was yesterday elected Prothonotary of the county of Northumberland,) attending Council, and offered the Reverend Doctor Smith and Edward Burd, Esquires, as sure-

ties for his faithfull discharge of the duties of the said office according to law; whereupon, it was

Resolved, To accept the said sureties.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 31st, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	Amos Gregg, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	

Samuel Powell, Esquire, Mayor of the city of Philadelphia, appeared in Council and took the oath required by the act of Congress of the first day of June, 1789.

A letter from the Commissioners of the county of Lancaster, in answer to the circular letter from Council of the second of July, instant, urging the immediate collection of the taxes, was received and read.

A letter from the Prothonotary of Huntington county, inclosing a list of tavern keepers required by a letter from Council, dated June the twenty-third last, was received and read.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 1st, 1789.

PRESENT:

Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Miles, and	
Christopher Kucher, and	James Read,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 3rd.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher, and	Esquires.
James Read,	Amos Gregg,	

A letter from His Excellency the President of the United States, inclosing "An Act of Congress for establishing an Executive de-

partment, to be denominated the department of Foreign Affairs," passed the twenty-seventh of last month, was received and read.

Two certificates from the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court, were laid before Council and read; and thereupon,

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, the one for eleven pounds five shillings and eight pence, being the expences of the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Prothonotary of the same Court, and their servants, &ca., on the last spring circuit, in the months of May and June, 1789.

And the other for six pounds ten shillings, for the expences of the Honorable Judge Atlee, on his way from his residence on the Susquehanna, to a Supreme Court held at Philadelphia for the State of Pennsylvania, at July term, 1789, and a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Delivery held for the city and county of Philadelphia in the same month, and on his return home.

Colonel Miles was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the present month.

A petition and representation from a number of inhabitants of Washington county, complaing that Thomas Stokely, the Register and Recorder of that county, has been absent for upwards of six month from the county, and praying Council to appoint some person in his room to hold and exercise those offices until the General Assembly of the State shall meet, was received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 4, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	Amos Gregg, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full for his wages as Doorkeeper in the month of July, 1789.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Vice President, Mr. Miles, Mr. Smith and Mr. Kucher, be a committee to consider of and report to Council, a plan for repairing that part of the Lancaster road, called Jones's Lane.

Colonel Delaney appeared in Council, and laid before the Board a written application for the instructions of Council, relative to the State duty upon goods imported at this time, previous to the appointment of officers by Congress, &ca.,

Ordered, That the same be referred to Colonel Miles, Colonel Smith and Mr. Read, with an instruction to consult the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General thereon, and to report to Council thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 5th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher, Samuel Miles, James Read, Abraham Smith, Richard Willing, Zebulun Potts, and Amos Gregg, } Esquires.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of His Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, for three hundred and seventy-five pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as President of the State, on the fifth of this month.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the application of David Linton for the reward for apprehending and securing a certain George Sinclaire, who was attainted by outlawry,

Resolved, That the said David Linton is justly entitled to the reward of fifty pounds, according to act of Assembly passed the fourth of October, 1788; and that the Honorable the Vice President, in whose favor an order was drawn upon the Treasurer for that sum, dated on the same day, be and he is hereby authorized to transfer or pay the same to the said David Linton.

Council taking into consideration the recommendation from the gentlemen of the bar in Reading in favor of James Diemer, Esquire, for an appointment to the offices of President of the Court of Common Pleas, of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and of the Orphans' Court of the county of Berks,

Resolved, That the said James Diemer, Esquire, be appointed President of the said several courts in and for the said county, in the room of Henry Spicker, lately deceased.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report and an act of Assembly dated the twentieth day of March, 1780, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the guardians of the children of Captain Jacob Hetherling, for the sum of seven hundred and four dollars, being the amount of pension decreed to them by the Orphans' Court of Chester county, from the eighteenth of April, 1786, until March the twenty-fifth, 1789.

A letter was written by the President of this Board to the President of the United States, acknowledging the receipt of his several letters of the eighth of June, and ninth, twenty-third and thirteenth of July last, inclosing the acts of Congress undermentioned, vizt:

An Act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths.

An Act for laying a duty on goods, wares and merchandize, imported into the United States.

An Act for imposing duties on tonnage, and

An Act for establishing an executive department, to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs. All which are to be transmitted to the General Assembly at their next meeting.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 6th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Christopher Kucher, Zebulun Potts, Abraham Smith, Amos Gregg, and James Read, } Esquires.

On motion.

Resolved, That the Vice President, Samuel Miles, Amos Gregg and Abraham Smith, be appointed a committee to consider of and report to Council the several propositions which they may judge necessary to be inserted in the message to the General Assembly at their ensuing session.

Noah Murray, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the second district, and Christopher Hurlbut, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace for the first district, in the county of Luzerne, upon returns made according to law for the said districts.

Christopher Hurlbut, Esquire, was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county of Luzerne.

Agreeable to the Comptroller and Register General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Melchior Steiner, for the sum of fifteen shillings, for inserting in the German newspaper an advertisement containing information to the children of John Ludwig Shuman, that an estate in Germany is descended to them by the death of their grandfather.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 7th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg, Abraham Smith,
Samuel Miles, Christopher Kucher, and } Esquires.
Zebulun Potts, James Read,

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Charles Biddle, Esquire, for nineteen pounds five shillings and five pence, being a ballance due to him upon his account of the expences of several watch houses, lamps, &ca., placed in the State House yard and at the State Treasury, and for wages paid to the watchmen employed in guarding the public offices in the State House and the public Treasury.

A letter from the President of the United States, inclosing an act of Congress passed the thirty-first of July last, to regulate the collection of the duties imposed by law on the tonnage of ships or vessels, and on goods, wares and merchandizes imported into the United States, was received and read; and a letter was written by the President of this Board to the President of the United States, acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and an act of Congress.

The committee to whom was referred the letter from Thomas Fitzimmons, Esquire, relative to an exchange of certain certificates belonging to this State, now in the Treasury of the United State, reported verbally that in their opinion it is not necessary that any steps should be taken thereon by Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 8th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Abraham Smith,
James Read, Christopher Kucher, and } Esquires.
Amos Gregg, Zebulun Potts,

The committee to whom was referred the questions proposed to Council by Colonel Delaney, relative to his duty as State Collector of Imposts, reported verbally, that they had consulted the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General thereon, agreeably

to the minute of Council of the fourth instant, and that the said Judges and the Attorney General had furnished them with an opinion in writing, which was now presented to Council in the following words, to wit:

Questions proposed by his Excellency the President, and the Honorable the Supreme Executive Council, to the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General of Pennsylvania.

First. Whether the whole or any, or what parts of the acts of the State for raising a revenue by imposts or duties on goods, wares and merchandize, imported into the said State, are repealed or ceased to have a legal operation by the act of Congress entituled an act for laying a duty on goods, wares and merchandize imported into the United States.

Second. Whether the merchants or persons who have imported goods, wares and merchandize into the said State, and duly entered the same during the operation of the State impost laws, can now be allowed the drawback or return of the duties by them paid, or secured to be paid, upon their exporting the same out of the said State, agreeably to the provisions made by the said acts of Assembly.

In answer to the first question, we conceive that all the acts and parts of acts of Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, so far as they authorize or require imposts or duties to be paid to the use of said the Commonwealth, upon goods, wares and merchandizes imported within the said State, have ceased to have any legal operation or binding force.

To the second question, as the authority and powers of the Collector and Naval Officer of the State of Pennsylvania, have ceased with respect to any future act to be done by them, as such it appears to us, that no drawback or return of the duties paid, or secured to be paid, can be made to the merchants or persons who may propose to export the goods, &c., agreeably to the provisions made by the said acts of Assembly without the aid of the Legislature.

THOMAS M'KEAN,
GEORGE BRYAN,
JACOB RUSH,
WILLIAM BRADFORD, Jun'r.

Philadelphia, August 4th, 1789.

And the same being considered,

Resolved, That Council concur with the Judges and Attorney General in the said opinion, and thereupon, an order was taken that a copy of the said opinion be transmitted to Sharp Delany, Esquire, together with the following letter, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, Saturday, August 8th, 1789.

Sir:—The questions proposed by you on Tuesday last to Council, relative to your duty as State Collector for the Port of Phila-

delphia, were immediately submitted to the Judges and Attorney General for their opinions, which they have accordingly given in writing, and which I have the honor of inclosing to you as coincident with the opinion of Council on the subject.

With great respect and esteem I am, Sir, your most obedient and humble servant,

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

To Sharp Delany, Esquire.

A petition from a number of inhabitants of the district of the townships of Northampton and Southampton, in the county of Bucks, containing a complaint of irregular proceedings at the last election of Justices of the Peace in the said district, and praying to be heard in support of the said petition, was read, and it was thereupon,

Resolved, That Thursday the twenty-seventh day of the present month, be appointed for hearing the petitioners, and all others concerned touching the said complaint, and that the petitioners and the officers of the said election have notice to attend Council on that day.

Ordered, That Supœnas issue for such persons within the said district, as shall be thought proper by the member of the county to be summoned.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 10th.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Christopher Kucher, Samuel Miles, Abraham Smith, and Amos Gregg, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 11th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon, (now first returned,)	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,		
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts, and Richard Willing,	

The Comptroller General and Register General's reports, upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Cornelius Vincent, for provisions supplied the militia and others, in 1778 and 1779, at Fort Freeland in Northumberland county, before the capture and reduction thereof, amounting to twenty pounds thirteen shillings.

Of Collinson Read, Esquire, of Berks county, for a horse furnished by Thomas Youngman, in the year 1776, for public service, which horse was afterward taken by the enemy, and the sum of twenty five pounds was paid by Collinson Read to the said Thomas Youngman, being the value of the said horse.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, Esquire, for thirty-one pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the first day of July untill the eleventh day of August, 1789, inclusively.

Agreeably to order, the Attorney General in behalf of the State, and Miers Fisher, Esquire, as Attorney to Christianna Gulielma Gaskill, atttended in Council, and were severally heard, touching the prayer of the petition of the said Christiana, that the Attorney General be directed to receive a declaration in ejectment on her demise to try her title to three equal fourth's parts of divers lots of ground containing in breadth north and south, one hundred and two feet, and extending across the intervening streets of the city, from Delaware fourth street to the river Schuylkill.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 12th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	

A letter from the President of the United States, dated the tenth instant, inclosing an act of Congress passed the fifth instant, for settling the accounts between the United States and individual States, was received and read, and a letter was written by the President of this Board to the President of the United States, acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and act of Congress.

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Nicholas Brosius, Collector of Excise in the county of Berks, for excise collected from August the tenth, 1787, to August 10th, 1788, amounting to nine hundred and thirty-nine pounds eleven shillings and four pence.

Of Bartholomew Garvey, for his pay as a seven months' man in the late army of the United States, amounting to seventeen pounds ten shillings.

Of Michael Frederick, for his pay as an eighteen months' man in the said army, amounting to forty-five pounds.

Of Jacob Whitman, for the hire of his scow which was taken to carry stone to Mud Island for repairing that part of the bank of said island, which is to be kept up at the expence of the State, amounting to four pounds ten shillings.

Of William Fians, for his expences in taking home the scow, &ca., and hauling twenty-three perch of stone to the wharf, amounting to three pounds ten shillings and two pence.

Thereupon orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Jacob Whitman and William Fians, for the several sums due to them as aforesaid.

Upon consideration of the petition and recommendation in favor of Margaret Osburne for remission of the fine and punishment at hard labour, to which she was sentenced at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held at Philadelphia, on the twenty-sixth day of January last, upon being convicted of larceny,

Resolved, That the said Margaret Osborne be and she is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 13th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Abraham Smith,
Amos Gregg, Richard Willing, and
Samuel Miles, Zebulun Potts,
John Cannon, } Esquires.

Upon consideration of a respectable recommendation in favor of Josiah Matlack, of the township of Lower Dublin, in the county of Philadelphia, for remission of the fine of ten pounds, payable to the use of the Commonwealth, to which he was sentenced at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held at Philadelphia on the twentieth of July last, upon his being convicted of destroying a receipt for taxes paid by John Waggoner, with an intention to defraud him, the said Waggoner,

Resolved, That the said fine of ten pounds imposed upon the said Josiah Matlack, be remitted, agreeably to the prayer of his petition and the said recommendation.

A petition from Peter Shaw, of Cumberland county, who was convicted of an assault and battery at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held for the said county, on the twenty-first of July last, and sentenced by the said Court to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of seven pounds ten shillings, stating that he is unable to pay the said fine, and praying that Council would be pleased to remit the same, was received and read, together with a certificate from the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of the said county, that the said Peter Shaw hath applied to the said Court for the benefit of the act for relief of insolvent debtors; it was thereupon

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

A petition from James Mullen, of Chester county, accompanied by a recommendation in his favor, was read, and an order was taken that the fine due to the State, and the punishment at hard labor to which he was sentenced by a Court of General Quarter Sessions and Jail Delivery, held on the twenty-sixth of May last for the county aforesaid, upon being convicted of larceny, be remitted.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for going into the appointment of a President of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and Orphans' Court of the county of Philadelphia, and of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the county of Bucks.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 14th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	John Cannon,
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,
Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing, and
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts, (this
Abraham Smith,	day returned.)

A letter from the President of the United States, dated the eleventh instant, inclosing the following acts of Congress, vizt:

An Act to provide for the government of the territory northwest of the river Ohio.

An Act for the establishment and support of light houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers.

An Act to establish an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of War; and likewise a duplicate of an act for settling the accounts between the United States and individual States, was received and read, and a letter was written by the President of this Board to the President of the United States, acknowledging the receipt of the letter and acts of Congress aforesaid.

Agreeably to the minute of yesterday, Council proceeded to the appointment of a President of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery and of the Orphans' Court in the county of Philadelphia, and also a President of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the county of Bucks, in the room of Edward Shippen and Henry Wynkoop, Esquires, resigned; when Enoch Edwards, Esquire, of the county of Philadelphia, and John Barclay, Esquire, of the county of Bucks, were unanimously elected.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 15th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts, and	
John Cannon,	Frederick Watts,	

A memorial and representation from many respectable citizens of Philadelphia, containing a complaint against John Jones, Es-

quire, Health Officer, for misconduct in his office, and praying his removal from office, was read; and thereupon, Mr. Miles, Mr. Willing, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Read were appointed a committee to hear the memorialists and the Health Officer relative to the said complaint, and report their proceedings to Council.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to furnish the said John Jones with a copy of the complaint, and to give notice to the parties that Wednesday next, in the afternoon, is appointed for a hearing upon the said complaint, in the Council Chamber, before the committee.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 17th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles, James Read, Christopher Kucher, Abraham Smith, Zebulun Potts, Frederick Watt, and George Woods, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 18th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles, James Read, Christopher Kucher, Abraham Smith, Zebulun Potts, Frederick Watt, George Woods, and John Cannon, } Esquires.

Upon consideration of the petition and recommendation of many respectable citizens of Philadelphia, for the pardon of a certain Joseph Lang, who was convicted at the last Mayor's Court of receiving two promissory or bank notes, the property of Peter Rhea, and sentenced to pay to the use of the State a fine of fifty five pounds one shilling and four pence, and undergo a servitude at hard labour for one year, it was

Resolved, That the said Joseph Lang be and he is hereby pardoned.

The oath to support the Constitution of the United States was this day administered by the President to Messieurs Smith, Watt,

Woods, and Cannon, Members of Council, who were not present when that oath was administred to the other members.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 19th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watts,
James Read,	John Cannon,
Christopher Kucher,	George Woods,
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing, and
Zebulun Potts,	Nathan Dennison, (now returned.)

A petition from Jacob Bowers, of Huntingdon county, accompanied by a recommendation from several of the Justices of the Peace of the said county in his behalf, for remission of the fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon him by the Court of Quarter Sessions, upon being convicted of fornication and bastardy, was read the second time; and thereupon, an order was taken that the said fine be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 20th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
James Read,	George Woods,	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Frederick Watts,	Amos Gregg,	

Mr. Bennett Ballew, with two Chiefs of the Cherokee Nation, waited on Council, and informed them that they were on their way to New York, as Deputies from their Nation to negotiate some business with the Congress of the United States, and that they were in want of a small sum of money, to enable them to proceed on their journey.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to advance to Mr. Ballew the sum of twenty dollars, and to discharge their bill of expences at Mr. Thompson's, where they arrived yesterday.

The Comptroller General and Register General's reports upon the account of William Harvey, Collector of Excise for the county of Bucks, for Excise collected from the twenty-eighth of September, 1786, till the twenty-eighth of March, 1789, amounting to one thousand one hundred and one pounds eight shillings and nine pence, was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Woods,

Resolved, That the Vice President, Mr. Willing and Mr. Smith be appointed a committee to enquire into the truth of the allegations contained in the Comptroller General's letter, of the sixth of May last, with respect to his receipt of compensation for his services as Lieutenant of Bedford county.

Upon the second reading of the petition of John Whitehill, Esquire, for the postponement of the sale of the estate of James Armor, late Collector of taxes in Lancaster county, for satisfaction of a debt from him to the Commonwealth,

Resolved, That Council cannot comply with the prayer of the said petition.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 21st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Cannon,	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Amos Gregg,	
Frederick Watts,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Christian Beackley, for the sum of six pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the city and county of Philadelphia, being the amount of his account for repairs done to a gun carriage belonging to the company of Artillery, commanded by Captain Jeremiah Fisher, in pursuance of an order of Council dated June the twenty-fourth last.

In favor of Edmund Milne, for six pounds fourteen shillings and eleven pence, amount of his account against the Commonwealth for the expences of surveying and dividing the estate which became forfeited by John Robeson's attainder of high treason, situate late in Philadelphia, now Montgomery county.

On motion of Mr. Woods, leave was given to James Burnside to withdraw a petition which he presented to Council in December, 1786, for an appointment as Commissioner of public accounts.

The petition of Samuel Shannon, convicted in June last of larceny, in the county of Philadelphia, was read and the same dismissed.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of John Lukens, Esquire, Surveyor General, for fees received in his office from the first of February to the thirtieth of April, 1789, was read and approved, except as to the charge for office rent.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 22nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Cannon,	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Amos Gregg,	
Frederick Watt,		

The oath to support the Constitution of the United States was this day administered by the President to Mr. Dennison, member of Council, who was not present when that oath was administered to the other members.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 24th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathan Dennison,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Cannon,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Zebulun Potts,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	John Baird, and	
George Woods,	Abraham Smith,	
Richard Willing,		

Upon the second reading of the petition of Stephen Paboul,

Resolved, That the moiety, or half part of the forfeiture of a quantity of liquors which belongs to the Commonwealth, late the

property of the petitioner, be remitted, the Excise officer having represented that in his opinion the forfeiture was incurred through misinformation.

The President, at the request of the Speaker of the General Assembly, attended in the Chamber of the Assembly, and administered to the Speaker the oath to the Government of the United States, the House being in session.

General Broadhead and Colonel Piper, a committee from the General Assembly attended in Council, and informed the Board that the House was now met and ready to receive any business which Council might have to lay before The committee were informed that Council would lay some business before them to-morrow.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 25th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Zebulun Potts,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	John Baird, and	
George Woods,	Abraham Smith,	
John Cannon,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for thirty-one pounds ten shillings in full, for his attendance in Council from the fourteenth day of July until the twenty-fifth of August, 1789, the last day included.

William George Wilson, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Fayette, upon a return made according to law from the district of Springhill, in the said county.

On application of Miles Mervin, leave was given him to withdraw a petition which he presented to Council, praying to be recommended to the General Assembly as a proper person to methodize the laws of the State for publication.

James Morris, Esquire, President of the several Courts in Montgomery county, appeared in Council and took the oath to support the Constitution of the United States required by act of Congress of the first of June last, which was administered to him by the President.

A draft of a message to the General Assembly was prepared and laid before the Board, which being read, was agreed to as follows, vizt:

A message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—We herewith transmit letters from His Excellency the President of the United States, of the eighth of June, ninth, twenty-third and thirtieth of July, and of the fourth, tenth and eleventh of August, 1789, with their enclosures, vizt:

1st. An Act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain , passed the first day of June.

2nd. An Act for laying a duty on certain goods, wares and merchandizes imported into the United States, passed the fourth of July.

3rd. An Act imposing duties on tonnage, passed the twentieth of July.

4th. An Act for establishing an Executive department, to be denominated the department of Foreign Affairs, passed the twenty-seventh of July.

5. An Act to regulate the collection of the duties imposed by law on the tonnage of ships or vessels, and on goods, wares and merchandizes imported into the United States, passed the thirty-first day of July.

6. An Act for settling the accounts between the United States and individual States, passed the fifth of August.

7th. An Act to provide for the government of the Territory north-west of the river Ohio, passed the seventh of August.

8th. An Act for the establishing and support of light houses, beacons, buoys and public piers, passed the seventh of August; and

9th. An Act to establish an Executive department, to be denominated the department of war, passed the seventh of August.

We likewise transmit a letter from His Excellency Governor Clinton, of the fifth of May last, with a resolution of the Senate and Assembly of New York of the fifth of February, on the subject of amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

The purchase of the Lake Erie tract of country from the Indians hath necessarily exceeded the estimate of Council, and the sums appropriated by Act of Assembly. That excess has arisen principally from the length of time the Commissioners were obliged to wait for the Indians. We recommend to the General Assembly to provide by law for the payment of the money which remains due on that purchase, and for the expence of one hundred and thirteen pounds and six pence, incurred by Council in receiving his Excellency the President of the United States in this city, on the seventeenth day of April next.

The accounts of the purchase of the Lake Erie tract, and of the expence of receiving His Excellency the President of the United States, accompany this message.

Council have not had it in their power to procure a lot proper for a powder magazine out of the city limits, as the resolve of Assembly directs. Several city lots near the River Schuylkill, and sufficiently remote from the buildings of the town may be purchased at reasonable prices.

The principal part of the money intended to have been raised by Lottery, and directed by Act of Assembly to be applied to the repairing of that part of the Lancaster road called Jones's lane, and towards improving the navigation of the River Schuylkill, hath been reported to Council by the managers to be outstanding. By the Act of the fifteenth day of March, 1784, the managers were instructed to lay before the Comptroller General from time to time when thereunto required, a true state of the Lottery, and when the drawing of the same should be compleated, and the prizes and incidental charges paid to render their accounts to the Committee of Accounts of Assembly for final settlement. A general statement of the product of the Lottery and of the money which remains to be collected is sent herewith.

Annuities to the widows and children of deceased officers of the Army, Flying Camp, State Regiments and State Navy, have heretofore been paid by virtue of the Act of Assembly dated the first day of March, 1780, out of any monies in the hands of County Treasurers, upon orders drawn by the Orphans' Courts of the respectives counties. But all public monies being by subsequent acts appropriated to other purposes, there remains no provision for the payment of those annuities which amount to eighteen hundred and fifty pounds.

The expence of repairing the banks of Mud island since the first day of March last, according to the Comptroller General's report to Council, hath been four hundred and fifty-seven pounds ten shillings.

The exportation of Pot Ashes from the port of Philadelphia merits the attention of the General Assembly. We are of opinion the pot and pearl ashes should be made subject by law to inspection.

The Act of Assembly intituled An Act for allowing a further time to distribute the donation lands promised to the troops of this Commonwealth, will expire on the thirteenth day of September next.

We lay before the General Assembly a copy of the instructions of Council to the Comptroller General, relative to the exchange of certificates.

A representation from the Wardens of the port of Philadelphia, and a letter from John Dunlap, the purchaser of certain public lots in Southwark, whose case we recommend to the Legislature.

THOMAS MIFFLIN, Pres't.

Council Chamber, Philad'a, August 25th, 1789.

Ordered, That the Secretary present the same to the General Assembly, together with the several papers therein mentioned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 26th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Baird,	
Amos Gregg,	John Smilie,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing, &	
John Cannon,	Frederick Watt,	

A transcript of the record of the conviction of Francis Wilson, Thomas Wilson and Wiliam Elder, of the county of York, for an assault and battery upon a certain William Jordan, was laid before the Board and read, by which it appears that they have been sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the said county, to pay to the use of the Commonwealth the following fines, vizt: Francis Wilson, twenty two pounds ten shillings; Thomas Wilson, nine pounds, and William Elder, seven pounds ten shillings.

Council taking into consideration the said record, and also a recommendation from some of the members of Assembly for the county of York, and from a number of respectable inhabitants of said county in their behalf for remission of the fines aforesaid.

Resolved, That the said several fines be and the same are hereby remitted.

A letter from the President of the United States of the twenty-fourth of this month, inclosing an Act of Congress passed the twentieth, intituled "An Act providing for the expences which may attend negociations or treaties with the Indian Tribes, and the appointment of Commissioners for managing the same," was received and read, and the same transmitted to the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 27th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	John Cannon,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathan Dennison,	
Frederick Watt,	John Baird, and	
Abraham Smith,	John Smilie,	
Richard Willing,		

A letter was written by the President of this Board to the President of the United States, acknowledging the receipt of his letter of the twenty-fourth instant, inclosing an act of Congress of the twentieth, intituled "An Act providing for the expences which may attend negociations or treaties with the Indians tribes, and the appointment of commissioners for managing the same."

Council being informed that a number of persons were attending agreeably to notice giving, in order to be heard upon a complaint made to the Board on the eighth instant, of irregular proceedings at an election of Justices of the Peace in Northampton and Southampton townships, in Bucks county,

Resolved, That Mr. Watt, Mr. Baird, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Smilie, be a committee to hear the parties, and that the said committee report their proceedings to Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That Wednesday next be appointed for the consideration of the report of the committee appointed to investigate the complaint against John Jones, Esquire, health officer.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Vice President, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Woods, be a committee to confer with a committee of the General Assembly, on the subject of annuities to the widows and children of deceased officers.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 28th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Cannon,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Baird,	
Frederick Watt,	Abraham Smith, and	
George Woods,	John Smilie,	
Abraham Smith,		

A notification from Henry Weisner, of Newtown, in Bucks county, to the President, that a certain person named John Metotonica died intestate, leaving no issue or relations, and that it is supposed his property escheats to the Commonwealth, was received, and thereupon, an order was taken that the same be referred to the Escheater General.

A petition from a number of inhabitants of Bedford county, late militia men in actual service, complaining of certain exactions of the late Lieutenant of that county, George Woods, Esquire, was received and read and referred to the Vice President, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Willing, the committee appointed the twentieth instant, upon the letter from the Comptroller General relative to the conduct of Mr. Woods.

John Christ, Esquire, was commissionated Register of the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration and Recorder of Deeds for the county of Berks, agreeably to an appointment of him to those offices by the General Assembly, on the twenty-sixth instant, a certificate of which appointment was laid before Council this day.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be appointed for the consideration of the petition of Christiana Gulielma Gaskell, praying "that the Attorney General may be directed to receive a declaration in ejectment on her demise, to try her title to three equal fourth parts of divers lots of ground, containing in breadth north and south one hundred and two feet, and extending across the intervening streets of the city, from the west side of Delaware Fourth street to the river Schuylkill."

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Miles, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Baird, be a committee to confer with a committee of the General Assembly, on the subject of the proceeds of the lottery, under an act of Assembly passed the fifteenth of March, 1784.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 29th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	John Cannon,	
Zebulun Potts,	Richard Willing,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,	John Baird, and	
John Smilie,	Frederick Watt,	

The President laid before Council a letter from Mr. Carmichael, resident at the Court of Spain, in answer to the President's letter to him of the thirty-first of December, 1788, relative to demands of several citizens of Philadelphia against the officers of that crown at the Havanna, which was read, and it was, thereupon,

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate the same to the gentlemen concerned.

On motion,

James Seull, Esquire, was unanimously appointed Clerk of the Orphans' Court in the county of Berks, in the place of Henry Christ, Esq'r, lately deceased.

Upon the petition of John Irwin, Esquire, of Westmoreland county, for remission of the fine of twenty-five pounds due to the State from his servant, John Souder, who was convicted in the county of Bedford of horse stealing, and whose term of servitude in the said county for the said offence, is expired,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

A petition from John Armstrong, now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia for larceny, praying remission of the fine of twenty-five shillings due to the Commonwealth, which was imposed upon him by the Mayor's Court for the said offence, was read, together with a certificate from the jailor that his time of servitude is expired, and that he has behaved himself orderly and obedient during his confinement, it was, thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

The further consideration of the petition of Christiana Gulielma Gaskill was postponed until Wednesday next.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 31st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Amos Gregg,	John Baird,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watt,	
Zebulun Potts,	George Woods, and	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
John Cannon,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 1st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Amos Gregg,	John Baird,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watt,	
Zebulun Potts,	George Woods, and	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
John Cannon,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Charles Biddle, Esquire, for fifty pounds, to reimburse him for cash advanced to two Indian Chiefs of the Cherokee Nations, to enable them to proceed to New York, to negociate some business with Congress, and to pay wages to the watchman employed in guarding the public Treasury and the several public offices in the State House, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full of his wages for his attendance as Doorkeeper to Council from the first to the thirty-first of August, 1789, inclusively.

Mr. Dennison was appointed a Member of the Board of Property for the present month.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. John Holme be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Bucks.

Upon the second reading of the memorial of Charles Stewart, Esquire, guardian of the child of Robert Wilson, deceased, stating that the said deceased was entituled to an undivided fourth part of thirty-six thousand acres of land, located in August, 1774, by Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, Joseph Shippen, Samuel Meredith and Andrew Allen, on the waters of the north-east branch of Susquehanna, then in he county of Northumberland; that the part or share of the said Andrew Allen, by his attainder of high treason, is become the property of the Commonwealth; and praying that a fair and equitable division may now be made, under the sanction of Council, of the said lands, agreeably to the original contract of the parties.

Resolved, That the Surveyor General, Receiver General and Secretary of the land office, be and they are hereby authorized and required, on the part of this State, to consult with the other owners or proprietors of the lands in question, or their legal representatives, and with them to mark out such division or partition of the same as shall appear just and equitable, and make report thereof to Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 2nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Baird,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Denaison,	
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watt,	
John Cannon,	Richard Willing,	
George Woods,		

A letter from the President of the United States, dated the thirtieth instant, inclosing a resolution of the Congress of the United States for carrying into effect a survey directed to be made by an act of the late Congress, dated the sixth of June last, was received and read, and the said resolution transmitted to the General Assembly.

A petition from George Burford, now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, for a misdemeanor in winning a sum of money at cards, praying remission of the fine of six pounds to which he was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions and Jail Delivery of said county, was read, together with a

certificate from the jailor that his term of servitude is expired, and that he has behaved himself peaceably and orderly during his confinement; thereupon

Resolved, That the said fine of six pounds be remitted.

The further consideration of the petition of Christiana Gulielma Gaskell was postponed.

The report of the Committee to whom it was referred to investigate the complaint against John Jones, Esquire, Health Officer, was read the second time, together with sundry papers relative thereto, which accompanied the said report.

Matthew Irwin, Esquire, Recorder, attended at the request of Council, and produced an entry in one of his records of the thirty-first of March, 1788, of William Henderson having taken the oath of office before him as deputy to John Jones, Esquire.

On motion,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the said complaint be postponed until Saturday next.

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Thomas Rogers, for provisions furnished to Captain William Leet's company of Washington county militia, from the fifteenth of April to the sixteenth of May, 1782, amounting to three pounds six shillings and ten pence, and for provisions furnished to Captain William Hogeland's company of the said militia in April, 1782, amounting to one pound fourteen shillings and four pence.

Of Henry Kammerer, for six reams of writing paper furnished for the use of Council, amounting to eight pounds nineteen shillings and six pence; and for seven reams furnished for the Comptroller General's office, amounting to ten pounds nine shillings and five pence, since the twenty-seventh of January last; an was drawn in favor of the said Henry Kammerer, for nineteen pounds eight shillings and eleven pence, amount of the two last mentioned accounts.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Vice President, Mr. Miles and Mr. Smith, be added to the committee on the repairs of the banks of Mud Island, and that the committee be instructed to report to Council without delay, the best mode they can devise of completely repairing the said banks, with an estimate of the costs.

A representation from the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, relative to money appropriated by act of Assembly, for improving the navigation of the river Delaware, and stating the late contract they have made for erecting piers at Mud Island, &c., was received and read, and the same referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Baird and Mr. Kucher.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Leet, in behalf of himself and others, Deputy Surveyors of the tract of land appropriated for the

redemption of depreciation certificates, praying payment for their services in surveying part of the said tract.

Resolved, That the said petition be laid before the General Assembly, and that it be recommended to the Legislature to provide a fund for paying the said Daniel Leet, and other Surveyors in similar circumstances.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, September 3rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Zebulun Potts,
Samuel Miles,	Nathan Dennison,
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watt,
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,
John Smilie,	John Baird, and
John Cannon,	Amos Gregg.
George Woods,	

A letter from the Comptroller General, relative to Catherine Zantingler's pension, received by Mr. Woods, inclosing her affidavid and Colonel Woods' account of Lieutenant of Bedford county, as settled by the Comptroller General, was received and read, and the same referred to the Vice President, Mr. Smith and Mr. Willing, the committee on the letter from the Comptroller of the sixth of May last, relative to Colonel Woods' conduct.

The Comptroller General's accounts of his receipts and expenditures in taking care of the State House yard in 1788, amounting to fifteen pounds eighteen and six pence, and in 1789, amounting to seven pounds seventeen shillings and eleven pence, was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Smilie,

Resolved, That Joseph Terrance, Esquire, High Sheriff of the county of Fayette, be appointed and commissionated Lieutenant of that county, in the room of Robert Bell, Esquire, lately deceased.

The oath to support the Constitution of the United States, required by act of Congress of the first day of June last, was this day administered to Mr. Smilie and Mr. Baird, by the President in Council.

A draft of a letter to the Speaker of the General Assembly, was laid before Council, read and agreed to as follows, vizt:

In Council, Philad'a, September 3rd, 1789.

SIR:—I have the honor of transmitting to you to be laid before the General Assembly, the petition of Daniel Leet, in behalf of

himself and other Surveyors of depreciation lands, for compensation of their services, together with a report of a committee of Council on the subject of that petition.

I have the honor to be, Sir, with the greatest respect,

Your most obedient and most humble servant,

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Honorable Richard Peters, Esquire, Speaker of the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 4th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,	George Woods, and	
John Smilie,	John Cannon,	

A return from George Gibson, Esquire, Lieutenant of Cumberland county, of militia officers in the third battalion of that county, was read and commissions were directed to issue agreeably thereto.

A representation from David Kennedy, Esquire, Secretary of the Land office, stating that a mistake had been committed by issuing ten warrants of five hundred acres each, in the name of the corporation of the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the German Reformed congregation, when in fact they were intended for the use of the corporation of the German Lutheran congregation, in and near the city of Philadelphia, pursuant to an act of General Assembly, passed the fourteenth day of February, 1789, and praying the directions of Council either to cancell the said ten warrants and issue ten others in their stead of the same date, or to take such steps therein as it should appear best to them to prevent any future interference.

Resolved, That the officers of the Land office be directed to make such entries in their books, as shall rectify the mistake and prevent any enterference, and that the said ten warrants be cancelled, and new ones issued for the same quantity of land, bearing the same date.

The certificate of the division of the county of Allegany into townships or districts, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the purpose of electing Justices of the Peace,

which was received and read in Council on the fifteenth day of May last, was this day read the second time in the following words, to wit:

At a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, holden at Pittsburgh for the county of Allegany, on the eighteenth day of December last, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, before George Wallace, Esquire, President, and Joseph Scott, John Johnston and John Wilkins, Esquire, Justices of the same Court, the Court proceeded to divide the county of Allegany into townships in the following manner, to wit:

Moon township: Beginning at the mouth of Flakerty's run; thence up the Ohio river to the mouth of Chartier's creek; thence up the said creek to the mouth of Miller's run; thence by the line of the county to the place of beginning.

St. Clair township: Beginning at the mouth of Chartier's creek; thence up the Ohio river to the mouth of Monongahela river, and up the said river to the mouth of Street's run; thence up the said run to the head thereof; thence by a straight line to the line of the county; thence by the said line to the mouth of Miller's run on Chartier's creek, and down said creek to the place of beginning.

Mifflin township: Beginning at the mouth of Street's run; thence up the Monongahela river to the line of the county, and by the said line to the line of St. Clair township.

Elizabeth township: To contain all that part of the Forks between Monongahela and Youghiogany rivers, which lies within the county of Allegany.

Versailles township: Beginning at the mouth of Youghiogany river; thence up the said river to the mouth of Crawford's run; thence by the line of the county to the mouth of Brush creek; thence down Turtle creek to the mouth thereof; thence up Monongahela river to the place of beginning.

Plumb township: Beginning at the mouth of Brush creek; thence by a straight line to the mouth of Plumb creek on the Allegany river; thence up the said river to the county line; thence by the said line to the place of beginning.

Pitt township: Beginning at the mouth of Pockety's run; thence up the Allegany river, and by the line of the county to Flakerty's run; thence up the Ohio river to the mouth of Monongahela river; thence up the said river to the mouth of Turtle creek; thence up Turtle creek to the mouth of Brush creek; thence by the line of Plumb creek to the place of beginning.

Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the division of the said county into townships or districts, as before described, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 5th 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathan Dennison,	
Richard Willing,	Frederick Watt,	
Zebulun Potts,	John Baird, and	
John Cannon,	Amos Gregg,	
George Woods,		

Upon consideration of the report of the committee appointed to investigate the complaint against the late election of Justices of the Peace in the district of Northampton and Southampton, in the county of Bucks,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Agreeably to the minute of the second instant, Council resumed the consideration of the report of the committee appointed to investigate the complaint against John Jones, Esquire, [illegible]th Officer, when it was moved and seconded to postpone the further consideration thereof untill the next Mayor's Court shall be adjourned; and on the question to agree to the said postponement, the yeas and nays were as follows, vizt:

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. President,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Miles,
Mr. Vice President,	Mr. Potts,	Mr. Willing.
Mr. Gregg,	Mr. Dennison,	
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Watt,	
Mr. Smilie,	Mr. Woods,	
Mr. Kucher.	Mr. Cannon,	
	John Baird.	

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 7th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Smith,	Richard Willing, and	Esquires.
Frederick Watt,	George Woods,	
Nathan Dennison,		

On motion of Mr. Watt,

Resolved, That he be permitted to withdraw a representation which he laid before Council on the fourth instant, from the Grand Jury of the county of Cumberland, relative to a bill found by them against John English for forgery.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 7th, 1789, P. M.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Abraham Smith,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	Amos Gregg,	
Nathan Dennison,	John Baird,	
Richard Willing,	Samuel Edie,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, Esquire, for twenty pounds five shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the twelfth of July to the seventh of September, 1789, inclusively.

The petition of Alexander Neilly, convicted in the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the county of Allegany of an assault and battery, with an intent to ravish, &ca., was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be rejected, it being too indecent to lie on the table.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 8th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	John Smilie,	
Richard Willing,	John Baird,	
Christopher Kucher,	James Read,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie, and	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts,	
Nathan Dennison,		

Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Thomas Clifford and Miers Fisher, attornies of Christiana Gulielma Gaskill, stating her right to city lots, under the original purchase of William Penn, the younger, from the first Proprietor of Pennsylvania, and praying that the Attorney General may be directed to receive a declaration in ejectment, on her demise, to try her title to three equal fourth parts of divers lots of ground, containing in breadth north and south one hundred and two feet, and extending across the intervening streets of the city from Delaware Fourth street to the river Schuylkill.

And on the question, "Will Council comply with the prayer of the petitioners?" being put, it was unanimously determined in the negative.

Council proceeded to the further consideration of the return of an election of Justices of the Peace from the district of the townships of Northampton and Southampton, in the county of Bucks; and thereupon, Joseph Thornton, Esquire, was appointed a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county aforesaid, he having a majority of votes.

On motion,

Resolved, That two orders be drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of William Bradford, Junior, and Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant, Esquires, for the sum of twenty pounds each, as a compensation for their services in defending the title of the Commonwealth to a confiscated estate in Bucks county, under an appointment of Council, dated the second of December, 1786, in favor of Joseph Thomas, the purchaser, against an ejectment brought by the former owner.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 9th, 1789.

PRESENT :

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Baird,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
John Smilie,	Samuel Edie,	
George Woods,	Richard Willing, and	
Nathan Dennison,	Amos Gregg,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt :

Of Jacob Lutz, for militia services, as Captain of a company of foot in the battalion of Lancaster county militia, commanded by Colonel David Jenkins, in the years 1777, 1778, and 1779, in warning his company to attend musters for actual service, and giving notice of an appeal, &ca., amounting to five pounds six shillings and six pence.

Of Adam Kough, for his pay as an eighteen months' man, amounting to forty-five pounds.

A letter from his Excellency the President of the United States, dated the seventh of September instant, inclosing An Act to establish the Treasury Department, An Act for registering and clearing vessels, regulating the coasting trade, &ca., and duplicate of a resolution of Congress for carrying into effect a survey directed to be made by an act of the late Congress, was received and read, and the same transmitted to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

A letter was written by the President to the President of the United States, acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and enclosures.

The account of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores and Superintendant of the magazine of gunpowder, amounting to eighty-six pounds three shillings and four pence, which was approved on the tenth of June last, was this day laid before Council, and an order directed to issue upon the Treasurer for the said amount.

Jacob Tritt, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of York, upon a return made according to law, for the district of the townships of Chanceford and Windsor, in the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 10th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Amos Gregg,	John Cannon,	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	} Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Smilie,	Frederick Watt, and	
John Baird,	Samuel Edie,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Adam Hubley, Esquire, for monies received for Stamp Duty upon goods sold at public auction in the district of Southwark from the twenty-fifth of May to the second of September, 1789, amounting to thirty-one pounds nine shillings and one penny, were read and approved.

Upon the second reading of the petition of James Campbell, of Cumberland county, for the pardon of his negro lad Julius, who was convicted of a burglary at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery held at Carlisle, for the said county, on the first day of June last, and sentenced to undergo five years servitude at hard labour, &c.,

Resolved, That the said negro lad Julius be and he is hereby pardoned.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Mary Adams, relative to a balance of money supposed to be due from John Ross of this city, merchant, to Alexander Ross, and by his attainder of high treason, forfeited to the Commonwealth, and it appearing by a report from the Comptroller and Register General that the said balance has been fully paid to Alexander Ross previous to the said attainder

Resolved, That the said Mary Adams on that account, has no claim against the Commonwealth, or the said John Ross.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 11th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Cannon,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison,	
John Smilie,	Richard Willing,	
John Baird,	Frederick Watt,	

Robert Lollar, Esquire, was commissionated Register of the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration and Recorder of Deeds, for the county of Montgomery, agreeably to an appointment of him to those offices by the General Assembly, on the ninth instant, a certificate of which appointment was this day laid before Council.

The petition of Gobliep Ebert stating that he became bound in a recognizance, for the appearance of a certain Jane Hamilton (alias Jane Cooper,) at the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Franklin, to answer to an indictment for larceny, that the said Jane Hamilton afterwards absconded, and the said recognizance became forfeited, and praying that Council in consideration of his poverty would be pleased to remit the same, was read, together with a recommendation accompanying the said petition, thereupon,

Resolved, That the said forfeiture amounting to twenty-five pounds, be and the same is hereby remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Sep'r 12th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,
Amos Gregg,	John Cannon,
James Read,	Samuel Edie,
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison,
John Smilie,	Richard Willing,
John Baird,	Frederick Watt,

The Comptroller and Register General reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of William Nichols, Esquire, Clerk of the late City Court, for monies received for tavern licences, from the tenth of August, 1788, untill the tenth of August, 1789, inclusively, amounting to seven hundred and ninety-four pounds eight shillings and three pence.

Of John Miller, Esquire, late Sheriff of the county of Lancaster, for Court fines and forfeited recognizances received by him between the first Tuesday in November, 1785, and first Tuesday in August, 1788, amounting to one hundred and forty pounds five shillings.

Of Francis Johnston, Esquire, Receiver General of the Land Office, for fees received in his office in the months of February, March and April, 1789, amounting to five hundred and ninety-six pounds thirteen shillings and three pence.

Upon the petition and recommendation from the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the county of Huntingdon; and also, from the jury and Sheriff of the said county, for the pardon of a certain Elizabeth Baker, a girl of fifteen year of age, who was convicted at said Court of larceny, and sentenced to a fine of two shillings and six pence, payable to the Commonwealth, and to undergo a servitude of three months hard labour,

Resolved, That the said Elizabeth Baker be pardoned in consideration of her youth.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 14th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg,	
John Smilie,	Frederick Watt,	
Richard Willing,	Nathan Dennison, and	
John Baird,	George Woods,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Amos Gregg, Esquire, for fifty-five pounds ten shillings, amount of his account for attendance in Council from the first day of July untill the fourteenth of September, 1789, deducting two days' absence.

And in favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennison, Esquire, for twenty-nine pounds in full, for his attendance in Council two days in April last, and from the nineteenth of August untill the fifteenth of September, 1789, inclusively, and for his mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 15th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
John Smilie,	Nathan Dennison,	
Andw. Gregg,	John Baird, and	
George Woods,	Richard Willing,	

The committee to whom were referred a resolve of the General Assembly of the fourth of October, 1788, and a letter from Peter Marmie, relative to a claim of Turnbull, Marmie and company, against this State, delivered in a report which was read; and, on motion, and special order, the same was read the second time, and adopted as follows, vizt:

That Turnbull, Marmie and company, in March, 1788, obtain'd from the Board of Treasury of the United States, two warrants on Thomas Smith, Continental Loan Officer, one warrant for five thousand dollars specie, the other for three thousand dollars specie.

That in lieu of those warrants, they received from Thomas Smith orders on David Rittenhouse, State Treasurer, who hath paid the amount of the warrant for five thousand dollars, two hundred and four pounds fifteen shillings of that sum being paid in the paper emission of 1785.

That Mr Smith's orders for the amount of the warrants for three thousand dollars have not been paid.

That this State hath credit in the Treasury books of the United States, for the amount of both warrants in specie.

That by the Comptroller's reports, Pennsylvania hath overpaid the specie requisition of 1785, by the sum of one thousand six hundred and fifty three dollars and $\frac{81}{90}$ of a dollar, which was the last requisition of the United States adopted by this State.

That there are no funds out of which Council can satisfy the demand of the said Marmie and company, for the amount of the warrant of three thousand dollars, and for the depreciation on the sum of two hundred and four pounds fifteen shillings before stated to have been paid in the emission of 1785. The committee, therefore, offer the following resolution for the consideration of Council:

Resolved, That the letter from Peter Marmie be transmitted to the General Assembly, and that it be recommended to them to make provision for the payment of the ballance due to Turnbull Marmie and company, on the warrants or orders above mentioned.

The said letter and a copy of the foregoing report were accordingly transmitted to the Speaker of the General Assembly, together with the following letter from the President:

In Council, Philadelphia, September 15th, 1789.

Sir:—I do myself the honor to transmit to you, to be laid before the General Assembly, a letter from Peter Marmie, relative to a claim of Turnbull, Marmie and company against this State, with a report of a committee of Council on that claim.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Hon'ble the Speaker of the Gen'l Assembly.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for the sum of seventy-five pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the thirteenth instant, as Judge of the Court of Admiralty of this State, according to the Comptroller and Register General's report.

Upon the petition of Margaret Bennett, confined in the work house of this city, upon conviction of larceny, stating that her term of servitude is expired, and praying Council to remit the fine of two pounds fourteen shillings due to the Commonwealth,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

A motion made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded by Smith, was laid before the Board, and read as follows, vizt:

Whereas, The Honorable the General Assembly, in a committee of the whole, have resolved to call a Convention to alter the Constitution of this Commonwealth, independant of the People and of the other branches of Government:

And whereas, Council by virtue of the powers vested in them by the Constitution of this State are authorized, and by duty to their constituents required, to oppose any attempt to alter the same by any other authority but that of the People;

Resolved, That in order to preserve the peace of this Commonwealth, and as far as in us lyes prevent disorder and confusion in the State, that Council request a conference with the Honorable the General Assembly on this important subject; whereupon

It was moved by Mr. Miles, seconded by Mr. Gregg, to postpone the consideration of the same untill the afternoon, and it was accordingly postponed.

In the mean time the General Assembly decided on the business.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 16th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Baird,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt, and	
John Smilie,	Nathan Dennison,	
George Woods,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Jacob Wœmer, of Berks county, for six months and five days' pay as a soldier in the late army of the United States, amounting to fifteen pounds eight shillings and four pence.

Of Conrad Riehl, of Berks county, for sixteen days' pay for his services in collecting and conducting a brigade of waggons to Reading for public service, in November, 1781, by order of the Waggon Master General, and for his rations during that time, amounting to nine pounds ten shillings.

Of Nathaniel Jerrard, of Bedford county, for two and a half hundred weight of flour furnished by him to Captain Philips' company of Bedford county militia, while stationed for the defence of the frontiers of that county against the savages in the year 1780, amounting to one pound seventeen and six pence.

Of John Harris, of York county, for a gun and blanket taken from him for public service in the year 1776, when the militia marched to Amboy, in the State of New Jersey, amounting to three pounds eight shillings and four pence.

Of Michael Peterman, of said county, for a gun taken from him for the public service as aforesaid, amounting to three pounds ten shillings.

Of Conrad Geisey, of said county, for a gun taken from him as aforesaid for public service, amounting to two pounds ten shillings.

Of Jacob Lefever, of said county, for a gun taken from him for the public service aforesaid, amounting to two pounds five shillings.

Of John Crosby, for stone furnished by him for repairing that part of the bank of Mud Island which by contract with the present tenant is to be kept up at the expence of the State, amounting to thirty-eight pounds eighteen shillings and two pence. An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Crosby for this sum.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Captain Jacob Lutz, for militia services in the county of Lancaster in the year 1777, 1778 and 1779, which was read and approved on the ninth instant, was again laid before Council; and on consideration it was resolved to draw an order in favor of Captain Lutz upon the Treasurer for the sum of five pounds six shillings and six pence, amount of his said account, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said county.

Upon application of Andrew Elliott, Esquire, for the loan of two surveying instruments and a small quadrant, the property of the Commonwealth, to enable him to proceed in the business of surveying the triangular piece of country bounding on Lake Erie, which was purchased by this State of the United States,

Resolved, That the request of Mr. Ellicott be complied with, and that David Rittenhouse, Esquire, be directed to furnish him with the said instruments, taking a receipt to return them when required.

A petition from Lazarus Brown McLene, of the county of Franklin, stating that at the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held at Chambersburgh for the said county, on the twenty-fifth of May last, he was convicted of a riot and an assault and battery, and fined by the court in the sum of five pounds, and praying the Council would be pleased to remit the said fine, was received and read, a recommendation from the Chief Justice and Judge Bryan in his behalf being also read and considered; it was thereupon

Resolved, That the said fine be and the same is hereby remitted.

Returns of surveys of four reserved tracts of lands made by John Adlum—A Presque Isle formed by Lake Erie, at Lebœuf at the head of the navigation of French creek, at the mouth of Conewango, and at the Fort of Venango, in pursuance of a resolution of the General Assembly dated the twenty-fourth of March last, were laid before Council, together with the account of the expence of making the said surveys, amounting according to the Comptroller and Register General's report to the sum of one hundred and seventy five pounds eight shillings and two pence; whereupon the said account was approved, and an order taken that the same, together with the said returns of surveys be transmitted to the General Assembly, inclosed in a letter from the President, in the following words, to wit:

In Council, Philadelphia, September 16th, 1789.

Sir:—I do myself the honor of transmitting to you surveys of four tracts of land directed to be reserved for the use of the State by a resolve of the General Assembly of the twenty-fourth of March last, with Mr. Adlum's account of the expence of making those

surveys, for the payment of which no provision hath been made by the Legislature.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect, sir,
Your most obedient and most humble servant,
THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.

On motion, Robert Hunter, junior, was unanimously appointed Collector of Excise for the counties of Westmoreland and Allegany, Mr. John Giffin, who was formerly appointed having declined to act.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for the consideration the complaint against Michael Huffnagle, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Westmoreland.

A petition from James Dewsberry, now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, upon being convicted of unlawfull gaming and defrauding a certain Samuel Beard of the sum of six pounds seven shillings and six pence, praying remission of the fine of six pounds due to the Commonwealth to which he has been sentenced for the said offence, was received and read, and the jailor having informed Council that he is not able to pay the said fine, and has behaved himself orderly during his confinement; it was thereupon,

Resolved, To remit the same.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 17th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Smilie,	Nathan Dennison,	
Samuel Edie,	John Baird and	
George Woods,	Frederick Watt,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Abraham Moser, of York county, for taking up three deserters from the American Army in the year 1782, and securing them, amounting to six pounds, was read and approved.

Upon application of Frederick Sneider, Doorkeeper, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the sum of thirty pounds, to purchase firewood for the use of Council, for which sum he is to account.

The consideration of the complaint against Michael Huffnagle, Esquire, was postponed untill to-morrow.

A return of officers for three Battalions of militia in the county of Bedford, signed by Hugh Barclay, Lieutenant of that county, was laid before Council, and the same being read, it was

Ordered, That Commissions issue agreeably thereto.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 18th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,	John Baird,	
John Smilie,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Samuel Edie,	Amos Gregg,	
George Woods,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Jacob Fitzer, for his pay as a seven months' man in the late army of the United States, from the twenty-sixth of June to the twenty-second of December, 1780, amounting to fourteen pounds fifteen shillings.

Of Andrew Heffer, for one year's pension, ending the fourteenth of November, 1788, according to a decree of the Supreme Court, amounting to thirteen pounds ten shillings, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer.

On motion,

Resolved, That John Moore, William Jack and Ephraim Douglass, Esquires, be and they are hereby authorized to investigate the charges of divers inhabitants of Westmoreland county, against Michael Huffnagle, Esquire, Prothonotary of that county, and to report to Council.

Upon consideration of the petition and respectable recommendation in favor of Charles Jones, praying that Council would be pleased to appoint him a Notary and Tabellion Public, in and for this Commonwealth,

Resolved, That the prayer of his petition be granted.

A petition from Daniel Fennell, of the district of Southwark, praying remission of the fine of five pounds, to which he was sentenced by the last Court of General Quarter Sessions of Phiadelphia county, for an assault and battery, was read, Council taking the said petition into consideration, and also a recommendation in

his favor accompanying the same, and it appearing that the petitioner has a large family to support and is not able to pay the said fine; it was thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

Agreeably to a resolution of the General Assembly of the fifteenth instant, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Dunlap, for the sum of two hundred and forty-eight pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence, payable out of the fund appropriated for claims and improvements, the same being in full of the sum due by this State to the said John Dunlap, as an indemnification against a ground rent of eleven pistoles per annum and the arrearages thereof, issuing out of certain lots by him purchased from this Commonwealth, as being subject to five pistoles per annum, whereas, in fact they are subject to the said sum eleven pistoles per annum.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 19th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Amos Gregg,	John Baird,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Smilie,	Frederick Watt, and	
Samuel Edie,	Richard Willing,	
George Woods,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 21st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	John Cannon,	
Amos Gregg,	George Woods,	
John Smilie,	Samuel Edie, and	
Nathan Dennison,	Richard Willing,	
John Baird,		

Upon application of Samuel Church, William M'Mullen and John Cornish, Supervisors of the roads in the district of Southwark,

for the loan of the draft of the said district, made by John Hills, and of the levelling instruments, the property of the State, to enable them to regulate the descent of the water courses, and to ascertain the bounds of the streets, lanes and alleys in the said district.

Resolved, That the request of the said Supervisors be complied with.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for going into the appointment of a Prothonotary of the county of Mifflin.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 22nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Amos Gregg,	John Smilie,	
Richard Willing,	John Baird,	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	
George Woods,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter salary due to him on the eighteenth instant, as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, according to the Comptroller General's report.

A petition from Rebecca Wall and Sarah Burk, now confined in the work house of this city, for keeping a disorderly house, praying remission of the several fines imposed upon them by the Mayor's Court for the said offence, was read, and appearing by a certificate from the keeper of the Work house, that their time of servitude is expired, and they have behaved in a regular and orderly manner during their confinement; it was thereupon,

Resolved, That the several fines payable to the use of the State, to which the petitioners have been sentenced, be remitted.

Council having requested a conference with the Judges of the Supreme Court and Attorney General, on the propriety of ordering a Court of Oyer and Terminer at an earlier day than the fourth or fifth of November next, which was suggested by them, Chief Justice M'Kean, Justice Bryan and the Attorney General attended, and agreed to hold a Court for the trial of the persons charged with the robbery and murder of John M'Farland, on Thursday the ninth of October next.

Agreeably to the minute of yesterday, Council proceeded to the appointment of a Prothonotary for the county of Mifflin, and the ballots being taken for the several candidates, it appeared that Samuel Edmiston was duly elected to that office, and he was commissionated accordingly.

On motion, Samuel Edmiston, Esquire, was also appointed and commissionated Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Ssssions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and of the Orphan's Court, and a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the said county of Mifflin.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 23rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathan Dennison,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Cannon,	
Amos Gregg,	George Woods,	
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie, and	
John Smilie,	Richard Willing,	
John Baird,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved:

Of Abraham Demud, for a gun taken from him for the use of the public, in the year 1776, amounting to two pounds five shillings.

Of Abraham Fleury, for a gun and ten pot hooks taken for public use as aforesaid, amounting to three pounds eighteen shillings.

Of Henry Strickler, for a gun taken for public use as aforesaid, amounting to two pounds five shillings.

Of Caleb Davis, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Chester, for monies received for fees upon tavern licenses between the twenty-first day of February and the twenty-eighth day of July, 1789, amounting to eighty-two pounds four shillings.

Of Abel Morgan, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Montgomery, for monies received by him for militia fines, &ca., from the time of his appointment, in the year 1784, to the fourth of June, 1789, amounting to one thousand and seventy-four pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence; and an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Abel Morgan, for the sum of eight pounds eleven shillings and nine pence, payable out of the monies

arising from militia fines in the said county, being a ballance due to him upon this account.

James McCalmont was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Franklin, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township of Letterkenny.

Upon the petition of Abraham Keebner, of the county of Montgomery, and a recommendation from the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, for remission of the fine of ten pounds to which he was sentenced by the said Court, upon being convicted of fornication and bastardy,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

A letter from his Excellency the President of the United States, of the twenty-first instant, inclosing the following acts of Congress, vizt:

An Act for establishing the salaries of the executive officers of Government, with their assistants and clerks.

An Act to provide for the safe keeping of the acts, records, and seal of the United States, and for other purposes; and An Act to suspend part of an act entituled An Act to regulate the collection of the duties imposed on the tonnage of ships and vessels, and on goods, wares and merchandizes imported into the United States, and for other purposes, was received and read, and a letter was written by the President of this Board to the President of the United States, acknowledging the receipt of the said letters and enclosures.

On motion,

Resolved, That Friday next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be appointed for a hearing upon the claim of Anthony Cuthbert and Nicholas Young, to certain lots in the city of Philadelphia, under old rights, and that the Attorney General and Land Officers be requested to attend.

Upon application of Colonel Lewis Nichola for the pardon of Catharine Miller and Sarah Goodman, now confined in the work house of this city for larceny, and the said Colonel Nichola having given a certificate of their good behaviour while in his custody, and informed Council that a respectable farmer would, if they were released, take them to Franklin county, it was

Resolved, That the said Catharine Miller and Sarah Goodman be and they are hereby pardoned.

A certificate from the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the county of Westmoreland, that the division of the district of Mount Pleasant, in the said county, for the purpose of electing Justices of the Peace is become proper and will be useful, which was received and read on the seventh day of February last, was this day read the second time, and an order taken that the division of the said district by the said Court for the purpose aforesaid, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 24th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathan Dennison,	
James Read,	John Cannon,	
Amos Gregg,	George Woods,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
John Smilie,	Samuel Edie, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Richard Willing,	
John Baird,		

Samuel Edmiston, Esquire, who was, on the twenty-second instant, appointed Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Mifflin, now offered the Honorable George Woods and Hugh Davidson, Esquires, as sureties for his faithfull discharge of the duties of the said office according to law, and they were accepted by Council.

Samuel Edmiston, Esquire, was commissionated Register of the Probate of Wills and granting letters of administration and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Mifflin, agreeably to an appointment of him to those offices by the General Assembly on the twenty third instant, a certificate of which appointment was this day laid before Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That a dedimus potestatum be now issued and directed to Samuel Edmiston, Prothonotary, General James Potter, and William Brown, Esquire.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for the consideration of the case of John Jones, Esquire, Health Officer.

Upon the second reading of the letter from Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, containing an estimate of the expence that will attend the exercise of the militia of the city and liberties on the ensuing muster days, and requesting Council to grant him an order on the Treasurer for the sum of one hundred and seventy-eight pounds, the amount thereof, and also for the sum of two hundred pounds, on account of his pay as Lieutenant,

Resolved, That two orders be drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Colonel William Henry, the one for one hundred and seventy-eight pounds, the amount of the said estimate, and the other for two hundred pounds, on account of his pay as Lieuten-

ant, both payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said city and liberties, and for which the said Lieutenant is to be accountable.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 25th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathan Dennison,	Esquires.
James Read,	George Woods,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
John Smilie,	Zebulun Potts, and	
John Baird,	Richard Willing,	
John Cannon,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty, being one quarter's salary due to him as Chief Justice of this State on the twenty-fifth instant.

In favor of Mr. John Adlum, for one hundred and seventy-five pounds eight shillings and eight pence, being in full of his account of expences in laying out and surveying four tracts of land, reserved by this State, at the mouth of French creek, at Fort Le Beauf, Presque Isle, and the mouth of Conewango, the said sum payable agreeably to resolution of the General Assembly of the twenty-third instant, out of the fund appropriated for claims and improvements.

In favor of Alexander Graydon and Joseph Hubley, Esquires, for the sum of fifteen pounds four shillings and six pence, being the amount of their expences in going to the town of Huntingdon, to invest the charges exhibited against Lazarus Brown McLene, Esquire, for misconduct in his office of Prothonotary of the county of Huntingdon, and returning home, under an appointment of Council, dated the twenty-second of September, 1788.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for thirty pounds eighteen shillings, amount of his account for attendance as Doorkeeper upon the Donation Land Office from the third of November, 1788, untill the thirteenth of September, 1789, being ten months and nine days, payable out of the monies received on account of the State during that time for surveying fees.

Upon the petition of Robert Lollar, Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds in the county of Montgomery,

Resolved, That he be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county.

A petition from William Long, praying remission of the fine of fifteen pounds which has been imposed upon him by the last Mayor's Court, upon being convicted of an assault and battery upon his apprentice boy, in the office of the Mayor, when brought to answer to a complaint for ill treatment, was received and read, together with a recommendation of him from the Mayor and his associates, and from a number of respectable citizens, by which it appears that the petitioner is in indigent circumstances and has a large family to support; it was thereupon,

Resolved, To remit the said fine.

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the account of George Dougherty, for a rifle gun taken from him in the year 1777, for the use of the militia in actual service at Fort Freeland, valued at three pounds ten shillings, was read and approved.

A resolution of the General Assembly of the twenty-third instant, transmitting a petition of the Faculty of the University for a continuation of the privilege of ringing the State House bell at stated hours for collecting the students, and referring the same to Council to take order thereon, was received and read.

Council taking the same into consideration, it was

Resolved, That the Faculty of the University have permission to ring the State House bell for convening the students at the stated hours, after the present sessions of Assembly is closed.

The Attorney General attended agreeably to notice given him on the twenty-third instant, and informed Council that he has not had sufficient opportunity of examining the several claims of Anthony Cuthbert and Nicholas Young to certain city lots, and requesting that their papers might be delivered to him, and a short time allowed him to consider of them. The papers were accordingly put into his hands, and it was agreed to resume the business to-morrow at ten o'clock.

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the account of Robert Laughlin, for smith's work done at Fort Preservation or Ligonier, in the year 1777, by order of Thomas Galbraith, amounting to ten pounds six shillings and eight pence, was read and approved.

Agreeably to the minute of yesterday, Council proceeded to the further consideration of the case of John Jones, Esquire, Health Officer, when the complaint of the Merchants was read, together with Mr. Jones's defence, and a report of a committee of Council on the subject. After some time spent in debate, it was

Resolved, That the opinion of the Attorney General be taken with respect to the extent of the duties or powers of the Health Officer, so far as relates to visiting of vessels, and to his fees for visiting, and that this opinion be requested of him by a committee of Council to consist of four members. The members chosen were

Mr. Vice President, Colonel Miles, Mr. Smilie and Mr. Smith. The further consideration of this business was postponed until to-morrow.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 26th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Baird,	
Amos Gregg,	George Woods,	
Samuel Edie,	John Cannon,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing, and	
John Smilie,	Nathan Dennison,	

A letter from the Surveyor General, requesting Council to approve his appointment of James Harris to be Deputy Surveyor of the county of Mifflin, was received and read, and an order taken that, agreeably to the act of Assembly passed the eighth of April, 1785, the said appointment of the Surveyor General be and the same is hereby approved.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty, being one quarter's salary due to him on the twenty-fifth instant, as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, according to the Comptroller and Register General's reports.

Returns of militia officers for the second and fifth battalions of the county of Berks, and the first and second battalions of the county of Huntingdon, were laid before Council and read, and commissions directed to issue agreeably thereto.

The Committee appointed to consult the Attorney General on the fees payable to the Health Officer, laid before the Board his opinion in writing.

On motion,

Resolved, That on Monday next, at ten o'clock, Council will go into the appointment of a Prothonotary of the county of Delaware.

Council resumed the consideration of the complaint against John Jones, Esquire, Health Officer; and on the question as stated yesterday, Hath Mr. Jones exacted the fee of twenty shillings in any instances not warranted by law? being put, it was determined in the affirmative.

Council then proceeded to the consideration of the second proposition, vizt:

Exhibiting accounts to Merchants, and receiving fees for several visits in the same voyage not warranted by law, he being intituled to one fee only for visiting in a voyage, and the physicians never received nor would receive for more than one visit; and thereupon,

Resolved, unanimously, That in the opinion of Council, the Clerk or Deputy of Mr. Jones hath exhibited charges and received payments for several visits of the Health Officer and physicians on the same vessels in the same voyage, which charges and receipts were not warranted by law; but it does not appear that Mr. Jones hath been acquainted with, or participated in those illegal charges and exactions of his Clerk or Deputy.

And, on consideration of the third proposition, with respect to the head money being demanded from all passengers,

Resolved, unanimously, That it does not appear that Mr. Jones has demanded or received more than is allowed by law as head money.

On motion,

Resolved, That the farther consideration of this business be postponed until Monday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 28th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esq'rs.
James Read,	John Cannon,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
John Smilie,	John Baird,	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennison,	
Frederick Watt,		

Agreeably to the Minute of Saturday, Council proceeded to the appointment of a Prothonotary for the county of Delaware, and the ballots being taken for the several candidates, it appeared that William Richardson Atlee, Esquire, was duly elected to that office by a majority of votes, and he was commissionated accordingly.

On motion,

William Richardson Atlee, Esquire, was also appointed and commissionated Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and of the Orphans' Court, and a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county of Delaware.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 28th, 1789, P. M.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Cannon,	
Amos Gregg,	George Woods,	
John Smilie,	John Baird,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watts, and	
Richard Willing,	Nathan Dennison,	
Samuel Edie,		

Council proceeded to the further consideration of the case of John Jones, Health officer, when it was moved and second "That John Jones, Health officer of the port of Philadelphia, be displaced, the said Jones in the opinion of Council not being qualified to execute the duties of the said office;" and on the question to agree to the said motion, it was determined in the affirmative; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said John Jones, Health officer, be and he is hereby displaced.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow at eleven o'clock, Council will go into the appointment of a successor to Mr. Jones.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Donaldson, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the twenty-eighth instant, as Register General of the accounts of this Commonwealth, under an Act of General Assembly of the twenty-eighth day of March last.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 29th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg,	John Cannon,	Esq'rs.
Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	
Richard Willing,	John Baird,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison,	
John Smilie,	Frederick Watt, and	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher,	
Zebulun Potts,		

A return of officers for the several battalions of the militia of the county of York, was received and read, and commissions directed to issue accordingly.

On motion,

Resolved, That John Christ, Esquire, who was lately appointed Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds for the county of Berks, be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county.

Agreeably to the Minute of yesterday, Council proceeded to the appointment of a Health Officer for the port of Philadelphia, and Collector of the duty imposed by Act of Assembly of the late Province, dated February fourteenth, 1729–30, upon persons convicted of heinous crimes, and imported into this State; and the ballots being taken, it appeared that Nathaniel Falconer, Esquire, was duly elected to that office by a majority of votes, and he was commissionated accordingly.

On motion,

Resolved, That the letter from John Torbett, containing information to Council relative to some property in Bucks county, supposed to be escheated to the Commonwealth, as late the estate of Daniel Kennedy, deceased, together with a memorial from Doctor William McIlvaine and Samuel Kinsey, in answer thereto, be referred to John Nicholson, Esquire, Escheator General.

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Benjamin Davis, jun'r, for the sum of one pound ten shillings, being the amount of his account for his services and expences in surveying Mud island, by order of Council.

The Honorable William Augustus Atlee and George Woods, Esquires, were offered and accepted as sureties for William Richardson Atlee's faithfull performance of the duties of his office of Prothonotary of Delaware county according to law.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Benjamin Elliott, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Huntingdon, for his services as Lieutenant, and cash paid for repairing arms belonging to said county, and for collecting and carriage of them, amounting to twelve pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence.

Of Catherine Reinick, for one half year's pension from December, 1788, to June, 1789, amounting to forty-five pounds twelve shillings and six pence, and an order was drawn on the Treasurer in her favor for the said sum.

Of Captain Thomas Rankin, of Washington county, for his services on the Frontiers in 1781, amounting to ten shillings

Of Robert Walker and Andrew Henderson, for militia services in the year 1782

Of Lieutenant Thomas Mason, for the pay of his company of Westmoreland county militia, employed on the frontiers in May and June, 1782, amounting to sixty-one pounds eleven shillings and six pence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 30th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	John Baird,	
John Smilie,	Nathan Dennison,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg, and	
George Woods,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Cannon,		

A letter from His Excellency the President of the United States of the twenty-sixth instant, inclosing the following acts of Congress, vizt:

An Act for allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to the officers of both Houses.

An Act for the temporary establishment of the post office

An Act for allowing certain compensation to the Judges of the Supreme and other Courts, and to the Attorney General of the United States.

An Act for establishing the salaries of the Executive officers of government, with their assistants and clerks.

An Act to provide for the safe keeping of the acts, records and seals of the United States, and for other purposes.

An Act to suspend part of an act, entituled An Act to regulate the Collector of the duties imposed by law on the tonnage of ships or vessels, and on goods, wares and merchandizes imported into this State, and for other purposes.

An Act for allowing a compensation to the President and Vice President of the United States.

A resolution making it the duty of the Secretary of to procure from time to time, such of the statutes of the several States as may not be in his office; and

A resolution to provide for the safe-keeping of such prisoners as may be committed under the authority of the United States, to the jails of the several States, was received and read; and thereupon, an order was taken that the said acts of Congress be transmitted to the General Assembly for their information in a letter to the Speaker, signed by the President, which was accordingly done.

A letter was also written by the President, to the President of the United States, acknowledging the receipt of the said acts of Congress, and the letter which inclosed them.

On motion,

Resolved, That a dedimus potestatem be issued for the county of Delaware, and directed to William Richardson Atlee, John Pearson and Richard Hill Morris, Esquires, of the said county.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Alexander Graydon, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Dauphine, for monies received by him for tavern and marriage licenses from August, 1787, to the term of August, 1789, amounting to one hundred and eighty-nine pounds seven shillings.

Of William Osburne, for teams hired to transport baggage, &ea., to Fort Preservation or Legonier, in September and October, 1777, amounting to twenty-two pounds ten shillings.

Upon the petition of Thomas Campbell, who was convicted of an assault and battery at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held at Chambersburgh, for the county of Franklin, on the twenty-fifth of May last, and sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds to the use of the Commonwealth, praying remission of the said fine,

Resolved, That the said fine be and the same is hereby remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 1st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
John Smilie,	John Baird, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
George Woods,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Smilie and John Baird, Esquires, for the sum of forty-five pounds fifteen shillings each, for their attendance in Council on the twenty-seventh of June, and from the twenty-third of August untill the second of October, 1789, and their mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favor of the Honorable Frederick Watt, Esquire, for fifty-three pounds seven shillings, for his attendance in Council from

the twenty-sixth of May to the twenty of June, and from the fourteenth of August to the third of October, 1789, and his mileage twice coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favor of the Honorable John Cannon, Esquire, for fifty-three pounds ten shillings, for his attendance in Council from the seventh to the eleventh of February, and from the tenth of August untill the second of October, 1789, and his mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

A letter from Governor St. Clair, relative to a debt due to the State from him as late Vendue Master for the city of Philadelphia, and offering payment of the same by instalment, was received and read, and it was, thereupon, unanimously agreed to accept the Governor's proposals, and refer his letter to the Comptroller General to have the business compleated without delay.

Mr. Elie was appointed to attend the Board of property during the present month.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 2nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Baird,	
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt, and	
John Smilie,	Nathan Dennison,	
George Woods,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Merrick, for fifty-one pounds one shilling State money of the seventh of April, 1781, payable out of the fund appropriated by resolution of the General Assembly passed the eighth day of April, 1782, being in full for principal and interest due upon his certificate for a black mare furnished by him in the year 1780 for public use.

In favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the twenty-fifth of last month.

In favor of General John Gibson, for three hundred and twenty-three pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence; and in favor of General Richard Butler, for four hundred and eighty-three pounds

six shillings and eight pence, paid out of the monies appropriated by an act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth day of September last, being in full of their several accounts for their services and expences as Commissioners for the purchase of Indian claims to the tract of country bounding on Lake Erie, which was lately purchased by this State of the United States.

On motion,

Resolved, That in conformity to an act of General Assembly passed the twenty-eighth of September last, entituled "An Act to appropriate the sum of five thousand pounds annually for the purposes therein mentioned," Timothy Matlack, Reading Howell and William Dean, be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners to view the river Delaware; that John Sellers and John Adlum be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners to view the river Schuylkill; and that Samuel Boyd, Bartram Galbraith and Thomas Hulings, be and they are hereby appointed to view the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata, and that the said Commissioners be instructed to proceed without delay to examine the said rivers, and the various streams running into them and which are capable of being made navigable, carefully marking such places where in their opinion locks or canals are necessary, and noting all falls, obstructions, and all matters and things necessary to form estimates, to be laid before the General Assembly, of the expences of clearing and removing such obstructions to the navigations of the said rivers. And when they have compleated this business, to make report of their proceedings to Council, together with such estimate of the probable expence that may in their opinion be necessary to carry the said act into execution.

Resolved, That the said Commissioners be allowed the sum of seventeen shillings and six specie, each per day, as a compensation for their services, subsistance and horse hire, whilst they are actually engaged.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 3rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Cannon,		

Agreeably to a resolution of the General Assembly dated the twenty-ninth of September last, an order was drawn upon the

Treasurer in favor of Edward Stiles, for the sum of nine hundred and sixty-seven pounds sixteen shillings and eleven pence, payable out of the fund appropriated for claims and improvements, being in full satisfaction of his claims against this Commonwealth, as stated in his petition.

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Perkins, the one for one hundred and nineteen pounds nineteen shillings, and the other for one hundred and fifty pounds seventeen shillings, payable out of the fund appropriated for claims and improvements, the same being granted him in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly dated the twenty-ninth of September last, in lieu of two orders of Council which he received for his services in repairing public arms belonging to the city and county of Philadelphia, but not being paid, were this day delivered up and cancelled.

A petition from William Coats, Esquire, and Joseph Potts, in behalf of themselves and Robert Shannon, stating that an action is now depending in the Supreme Court, wherein the testimony of John Clark, formerly an inhabitant of Philadelphia, but now of Charlestown, in the State of South Carolina, who was attainted of high treason against this State, is material, which if not obtained will prove very injurious to them, and praying Council to grant him a pardon, that he may be enabled to attend and give evidence in their behalf, was read, and thereupon it was

Ordered, That the said John Clark be pardoned, and a pardon under the great seal was accordingly issued.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Master of the Rolls be directed to furnish Council with three certified copies of the late act of Assembly, to appropriate the sum of five thousand pounds for improving the navigation of the rivers Delaware Schuylkill and Susquehanna, for the use of the Commissioners appointed by Council in pursuance of the said act.

Agreeably to the minute of Council of the twenty-ninth of last month, the Escheator General (to whom were referred the letter from John Torbett, and a memorial from Doctor William M'Ilvaine and Samuel Kinsey, Administrators of the estate of Daniel Kennedy, Esquire, late of Bucks, deceased,) made a report in writing, as follows, vizt:

"I beg leave to report that in the case referred to, the informant will not be entitled to any part of the said estate if escheated, that an inquisition must be held before the property can pass into the State Treasurer as an escheat, both for the security of the State and heirs, if any should appear to claim in due time, and that as the Administrators are shortly to settle their accounts, it will be best to suspend any proceedings untill the time fixed be passed, when the ballance escheated will be more perfectly known

"JOHN NICHOLSON."

October the 1st, 1789.

And on motion, it was

Resolved, To adopt the said report of the Escheater General, and to postpone the further consideration of the claim of John Torbett, in the premises.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Robert Leslie be appointed to have the care of the State House clock, in the room and stead of Griffith Owen, who has the care of it at present.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary have leave of absence on urgent business to Baltimore.

Upon the second reading of the petition of John Griffith, Collector of State taxes in Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, praying Council to order a stay of the execution against his estate, for satisfaction of a ballance of taxes received and due from him to the Commonwealth,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 5th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

James Read,	Frederick Watt,
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison,
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,
Zebulun Potts,	George Woods, and
Samuel Edie,	Amos Gregg.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Schneider, for sixteen pounds two shillings and four pence, amount of his account for his wages as Door-keeper to Council for the month of September, and cash paid for repairing two locks and keys, sweeping two chimneys and washing the Council room.

On motion,

Resolved, That Friday next be assigned for going into the appointment of a Collector of Excise, in and for the county of Delaware.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 6th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Amos Gregg, Abraham Smith, Christopher Kucher, Zebulun Potts, Samuel Edie, Nathan Dennison, George Woods, and Richard Willing, } Esquires.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be furnished with the minute of Council of the twenty-seventh of November, 1787, respecting the public arms which have been delivered from time to time to the Lieutenants of the several counties in this State.

Agreeably to the minute of Council of the second instant, letters of instruction were written to the Commissioners appointed to view the rivers Delaware, Schuylkill, Susquehanna and Juniata, and the various streams running into them, in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly passed the twenty-eighth of September last, as follows, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, October 6th, 1789.

GENTLEMEN:—In conformity to an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, passed the twenty-eighth day of September last, entituled "An Act to appropriate the sum of five thousand pounds annually for the purposes therein mentioned," Council have appointed you to view the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata.

You will without delay, proceed to examine the said rivers, and the various streams running into them, and which are capable of being made navigable, you will carefully mark such places where in your opinion locks or canals are necessary. You will note all falls, obstructions and all matters and things necessary to form estimates, to be laid before the General Assembly, of the expences of clearing and removing such obstructions to the navigation of the said rivers. When you have compleated this business, you will make report to the Supreme Executive Council of your proceedings, together with such estimate of the probable expence that may in your opinion be necessary to carry this law into execution.

The Supreme Executive Council request you will use every exertion in your power to forward and effect this important design. An exemplified copy of the law from the Rolls office is herewith transmitted; you will be allowed seventeen shillings and six pence

each per day, as a compensation for your services, subsistence and horse hire, whilst you are actually engaged.

I am Gentlemen, with great respect,

Your most obedient and very humble servant,

GEORGE ROSS, V. P.

Timothy Matlack, Reading Howell and William Dean, Commissioners for viewing the river Delaware.

John Sellers and John Adlum, Commissioners for viewing the the river Schuylkill, and

To Samuel Boyd, Bartram Galbraith and Thomas Huling, Commissioners appointed to view the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 7th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,	George Woods, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Zebulon Potts,		

On motion,

Resolved, That Friday next be assigned for going into the appointment of Lieutenant for the county of Delaware, and also a Lieutenant for the county of Mifflin.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be directed to report to Council what sums are due for persions to the widows and children of James Henry and Richard Delap and Henry Tantlinger respectively, late of the militia of Bedford county, deceased, agreeably to the several orders of Orphans' Court, of Bedford county, on their several claims in order that warrants may issue for payment.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 8th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,	George Woods, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Zebulun Potts,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennison, Esquire, for eighteen pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until the ninth instant, inclusive.

A representation from the Commissioners appointed to view the river Delaware, requesting Council to furnish them with a number of articles, a list whereof they have sent in, and also the sum of ninety pounds, was read the second time and the further consideration thereof postponed untill to-morrow.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 9th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison,	
Christopher Kucher,	George Woods, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Richard Willing,	

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the appointment of a Collector of Excise for the county of Delaware, a Lieutenant of the same county, and also a Lieutenant of the county of Mifflin. And the ballots being taken for the several candidates for the office of Collector of Excise, it appeared that Philip Sheaff, Esquire, was duly elected to that office by a majority of votes.

On motion,

Luke Morris, Jun'r, Esquire, was unanimously appointed Lieutenant of the county of Delaware, and Samuel Bryson, Esquire, was unanimously appointed Lieutenant of the county of Mifflin.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of John Hubley Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Lancaster, for fees received for tavern and marriage licences, and for the tax upon writs, between the twentieth of March and sixth of October, 1789, amounting to five hundred and fifty-eight pounds seventeen shillings, was read and approved.

Agreeably to the minute of the first of September last, the Secretary, Receiver General, and Surveyor General of the Land Office made a report on the memorial of Charles Stewart, in behalf of the child of Robert Wilson, deceased, in the following words, viz't:

In obedience to an order of Council of the first of September instant, requiring us, on the part of this State, to consult with the other owners or proprietors of the lands in question, or their legal representatives, and, with them, to make out such division or partition of the same as shall appear just and equitable, we beg leave to report, that we have examined the deeds produced to us, and

found by an indenture, quinquipartite, dated the sixteenth day of October, 1775, made between Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, Samuel Meredith, Joseph Shippen, and Andrew Allen, that each of them was entitled to one-fifth part of thirty-six thousand acres of land, then in the county of Northumberland, now of Luzerne, subject to one-fourth part thereof, by the said agreement, to be granted or allotted to Robert Wilson, or his assigns. That Messieurs Chew and Edward Shippen, by two distinct deeds, conveyed their respective shares to the said Samuel Meredith; that Robert Wilson conveyed three thousand acres of his share to the said Samuel Meredith; that the State is entitled to the share of Andrew Allen; that the quality being supposed to be nearly equal, we laid the several surveys of the said lands together, as nearly as might be, in quantities or tracts agreeably to their respective proportions, and divided them by lot, whereby nineteen thousand three hundred and two acres and ten perches fell to the share of Samuel Meredith, five thousand three hundred and seventy four acres to the share of Joseph Shippen, or of those who represent him, six thousand three hundred and sixty-nine acres and one eighth to the share of Robert Wilson, or of those who represent him, and five thousand eight hundred and seventy-three acres to the State, in right of Andrew Allen, the several surveys and warrants for which are as follows, vizt:

	A's.	P's.		
Joseph Le Blanc,	355	104	Weshappine waters.	Samuel Meredith's share. Acres. 19,302 Perches. 10
John Biddle,	295			
Christian Fight,	297	80		
Edward Shippen,	3018	140	Tunkhannock.	
Joseph Shippen,	2917	4		
Edward Shippen,	3205			
Andrew Allen,	2949			
Benjamin Chew,	3246		Weeshappine.	
James Allen,	301¾		Wyaloosing.	
Andrew Allen,	301¾			
William Allen,	301¾			
John Cadwallader,	301¾			
Lambert Cadwallader,	301¾			
Thomas Cadwallader,	301¾			
William Gough,	301¾			
Josiah Huwes,	301¾			
James Coburn,	301¾			
Lydia Goodwin,	301¾			
	19,302	10		

J. Shippen's warrant, 10 lots,	3190 140	Weshappine.	Joseph Shippen's share, 5,374 acres.
William Govett,	311⅞	Tunkhannock.	
Anthony Syfret,	311⅞		
William McDonald,	311⅞		
George Fullerton,	311⅞		
Alexander Nesbit,	311⅞		
Walter Stewart,	311⅞		
John Read,	311⅞		
	5,374		
John Allen,	301¾	Tunkhannock and Wyaloosing waters.	Part of Robert Wilson's share, carried over.
James Cunnings,	370¾		
Thomas Wharton,	375½		
Isaac Wharton,	301¾		
Charles Wharton,	301¾		
John Vicary,	301¾		
Daniel Reese,	301¾		
Charles Stewart,	301¾		
Archibald Stewart,	301¾		
Philip Johnston,	302¼		
Robert Taylor,	301¾		
Charles Gandowin,	311⅞	Tunkhannock and Wyaloosing waters.	Robert Wilson's share, 6,369⅛ acres.
John M. Nesbitt,	339⅝		
Henry Hill,	301¾		
Rees Meredith,	323¼		
George Clymer,	322		
William Norton,	317½		
Samuel Meredith,	312¼		
Conrad Neshevonder,	342		
Jona. Nesbitt,	306⅝		
	6,369⅛		
Benjamin Chew, 9 lots,	2786 19	Tunkhannock.	State's share 5,873 acres 58 perches.
Andrew Allen, 10 do.,	3087 39		
	5873 58		

We have had no persons or person who represent Joseph Shippen to consult with, or signify his, her, or their concurrence.

We are, with due respect, your Excellency's and Honor's most Obedient and very humble servants,

JOHN LUKENS,
DAVID KENNEDY,
FRANCIS JOHNSTON.

His Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire.

And the same being read and considered, it was,

Resolved, To adopt the report, so far as the appropriation therein affects the State.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the claim of the estate of Joseph Collier, for money paid into the State Treasury, vizt: one hundred and seventy pounds five shillings, Continental, amounting in specie to the sum of two pounds five shillings and four pence, was read and approved, and an order issued to the Treasurer to return the said sum of two pounds five shillings and four pence, out of the Treasury to the said estate.

The Comptroller General's reports upon orders of the Orphans' Court of Bedford county, in favor of the following persons, for their pensions, were read and approved, and orders were drawn upon the Treasurer for the several sums reported by the Comptroller to be due to them, payable out of the monies arising from the militia fines of the county of Bedford, vizt:

Catherine Tantlinger, for the sum of twenty-two pounds ten shillings, ballance due of her pension from the fourteenth of February, 1786, till the fourteenth of August, 1787.

Jane Delapt, for sixty-seven pounds seven shillings and six pence, for her pension due to her until the eleventh day of August, 1789.

Elizabeth Henry, for sixty-seven pounds seven shillings and six pence, for pension due to her untill the eleventh of August, 1789.

Upon application of Timothy Matlack, Reading Howell, and William Dean, commissioners appointed to view the river Delaware, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in their favor, for the sum of one hundred, payable out of the fund appropriated by act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth of September last, to enable them to proceed in said business, for which sum they are to be accountable, and the Commissary of Military Stores was directed to furnish the said commissioners with one horseman's tent, one smaller tent, three camp kettles, and two musquets, the property of the State, to be returned when the business is compleated, or accounted for by the commissioners.

On motion,

Resolved, That the opinion of the Attorney General be taken upon the following question, vizt: "Whether Justices of the Peace and Pleas who have been commissionated for a certain county, and a part of that county erected into a separate county, can continue to exercise the powers of the peace and pleas in that part erected into a new county, and separated from the old one," and that this opinion be requested of him by a committee of three; the members chosen were Colonels Smith and Willing, and Mr. Read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 10th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher, and	
George Woods,	Zebulun Potts,	

A transcript of the record of conviction of Francis Burns, otherwise called John Burns, Daniel Cronan, John Bennet, John Ferguson, otherwise called John Taylor, and John Logan, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery held at Philadelphia for the city and county of Philadelphia the eighth day of October, 1789, for the murder of John McFarland, was laid before the Board, and the same being read and considered, it was thereupon,

Ordered, That execution of the sentence of the said Court be made and done on Monday, the twelfth day of October instant, between the hours of ten and two o'clock, upon the several persons so convicted, and that a warrant under the lesser seal, directed to the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, do issue accordingly.

The Comptroller General's report upon the accounts of Colonel Michael Lindemuth, for provisions furnished to his battalion of Berks county militia, whilst employed in defence of the frontiers of said county, in the year 1780, was read and approved.

The committee appointed to request the opinion of the Attorney General respecting the powers of Justices of the Peace and Common Pleas in new counties, laid before the Board the following, vizt:

Third Street, October 9th, 1789.

SIR:—I have considered the clause in the act of Assembly for erecting Delaware county, which authorizes the Justices of the Peace and Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Chester county, which by the division shall happen to reside in the new county, to exercise the same powers in Delaware that they possessed in Chester.

As the Constitution vests the appointment of all Judges in the Supreme Executive Council, and a new Court is here erected, I am of opinion that no act of the Legislature can appoint the Judges of that Court, or give any persons authority to act as such, without being commissioned for that purpose by the President and Council; this part of the act, therefore, must be merely void.

As to the Justices of the Peace, they being already elected by the people, and residing in their proper districts, I am of opinion that their authority may be continued by an act of the Legislature, and that such an act would not infringe upon the Constitution.

I am, Sir, with great esteem,
Your most obedient servant,
WILLIAM BRADFORD, Junior.

Hon'ble Mr. Smith.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 12th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Richard Willing,	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	

Letters from His Excellency the President of the United States, of the second and third instant, inclosing the following acts of Congress, vizt:

An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States.

An Act to regulate the process in the Courts of the United States.

An Act to explain and amend An Act for registering and clearing vessels, regulating the coasting trade, and for other purposes.

An Act to recognize and adopt to the Constitution of the United States, the establishment of troops raised under the resolves of the United States in Congress assembled, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act providing for the payment of the invalids pensioners of the United States.

An Act making appropriations for the present year.

An Act to allow the Baron Glaubeck the pay of Captain in the army of the United States.

An Act to alter the time for the meeting of Congress.

A duplicate of An Act for allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to the Officers of both Houses.

An Act for the temporary establishment of the Post Office.

An Act for allowing certain compensation to the Judges of the Supreme and other Courts, and to the Attorney General of the United States.

An Act for allowing a compensation to the President and Vice President of the United States.

A resolution for continuing John White, John Wright and Joshua Dawson, in office until the fourth day of February, 1789.

A resolution making it the duty of the Secretary of State to procure, from time to time, such of the statutes of the several States as may not be in his office.

A resolution to provide for the safe keeping of such prisoners as may be committed under the authority of the United States, to the jails of the several States.

A copy of the amendments proposed to be added to the Constitution of the United States; and

A proclamation for a General Thanksgiving, were received and read, and a letter was written by the President to the President of the United States, acknowledging the receipt of the said letters and inclosures.

Two letters, the one from Alexander Hamilton, Esquire, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, dated the twenty-sixth of September last, inclosing two resolutions of the House of Representatives of the United States of the twenty-first, respecting the public debts, and the other from Henry Knox, Esquire, Secretary at War, dated the sixth instant, inclosing an extract of an Act of Congress of the twenty-ninth of September last, authorizing the President of the United States to call into service, from time to time, such parts of the militia as he may judge necessary, for the protection of the inhabitants of the frontiers of the United States from the hostile incursions of the Indians, were also received and read.

George Woods, Esquire, who was appointed by the Surveyor General to be Deputy Surveyor of the county of Bedford, now took the oath of office before the President, and offered, as his sureties, Samuel Elie, Esquire, and Captain John Lytle, who were accepted.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee and Jacob Rush, Esquires, for the sum of thirty pounds, for defraying their expenses as Judges of the Supreme Court on the Circuit, for which sum they are to account.

In favor of the Honorable George Woods, Esquire, for the sum of forty nine pounds fifteen shillings, for his attendance in Council from the seventeenth of August untill the twelfth of October, 1789, deducting four days' absence, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favor of William Spotswood, for the sum of two pounds one shilling, amount of his account for six setts of the Pennsylvania Herald, furnished from the eighteenth of November, 1787, to the thirtieth of January, 1788, for the use of Council, according to the Comptroller and Register General's report.

On motion,

Resolved, That John Pearson, Thomas Levis, Richard Hill Morris, and George Pearce, Esquires, be appointed and commissionated Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Delaware.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 15th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Miles,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Samuel Edie,	Richard Willing,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for thirty-eight pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the twenty-sixth of August to the fifteenth of October, 1789, inclusively.

Duplicates of the acts and resolutions of Congress, (originals received on Monday last,) were this day received.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 16th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Miles,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing, and	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	

Two copies of the Journals of the Senate of the United States were received.

Upon the petitions of Emanual Anthony, Hugh McDowell and Thomas Combess, now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, for larceny,

Ordered, That the several fines due from them to the Commonwealth, be remitted, it appearing that their time of servitude is expired, and that they behaved orderly during their confinement.

A return of the general election held in the county of Delaware, was received and read, by which it appears that Nicholas Fairlamb and Jesse Maris were duly elected Sheriffs, and Jonathan Vernon and William Walton, Coroners.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Nicholas Fairlamb, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Sheriff for the county of Delaware, and that Frederick Fairlamb and James Bernard of the said county, be accepted as sureties for his faithfull discharge of the duties of said office according to law.

Resolved, That Jonathan Vernon be appointed and commissionated Coroner for the said county of Delaware.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 17th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Miles, and	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
Samuel Edie,		

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, one for two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Comptroller General on the thirteenth instant, and the other for fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to his Clerk on the tenth instant, agreeably to act of Assembly, dated the fourth day of April, 1785.

Upon the petition and recommendation in favor of Daniel Sullivan, who was convicted of larceny in the county of Bucks, at a Court of General Quartar Sessions held in September last, praying remission of the fine of two pounds ten shillings, to which he has been sentenced for the said offence,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted, it appearing to Council that his time of servitude is expired.

Returns of the general elections held in the counties of Chester, Bucks, Montgomery and Berks, were received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Charles Dilworth and James McDowell, Sheriffs, and Nathan Scolfield and John Underwood, Coroners of the county of Chester.

Jacob Bennett and William Chapman, Sheriffs, and Isaac Vanhorne and Joseph Hart, Coroners of the county of Bucks.

Francis Swaine and Henry Hooken, Sheriffs, and John Roberts and Samuel Hines, Coroners of the county of Montgomery.

Jacob Bower and Philip Kremer, Sheriffs, and Peter Feather, Junior, and John Snell, Coroners of the county of Berks; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That Charles Dilworth be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Nathan Scofield, Coroner of the county of Chester; Jacob Bennett, Sheriff, and Isaac Vanhorne, Coroner of the county of Bucks; Francis Swaine, Sheriff, and John Roberts, Coroner of the county of Montgomery; and Jacob Boyer, Sheriff, and Peter Feather, Junior, Coroner of the county of Berks.

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be accepted as sureties, vizt:

John Hannum and Ezekiel Leonard, for the Sheriff of the county of Chester.

James Tate and William Bennett, for the Sheriff of the county of Bucks.

Peter Muhlenberg and John Richards, for the Sheriff of the county of Montgomery.

Nicholas Lutz and John Spohn, for the Sheriff of the county of Berks.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 19th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg,	Christopher Kucher,	Esq'rs.
James Read,	Samuel Miles,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
Samuel Edie,		

A return of the General Election held in the county of Northampton, was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Jonas Hartzell, Esquire, Councillor; George Graff and Henry Bush, Sheriffs; and George Shrewer and John Towns, Coroners.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That George Graff, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and George Shrewer, Coroner, of the county of Northampton.

Peter Kohler and Jacob Newhard were offered and accepted as sureties for the said Sheriff's faithfull performance of the duties of his office according to law.

Agreeably to a certificate from Chief Justice McKean and Judge Rush, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, for the sum of six pounds, being the expences of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, in coming to and

returning from a Supreme Court held at Philadelphia on the twenty-fourth of September last, and a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery held at Philadelphia on the eighth day of this month.

Upon the second reading of the petition of Thomas Wright, of Bucks county, praying remission of the sum of fifteen pounds due from him to the State, being the remainder of the sum of fifty pounds, to which he was sentenced for an assault and battery upon Joseph Thomas,

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Upon the second reading of the petition of William Read; it was

Resolved, That the fine of ten pounds due to the State to which he was sentenced upon being convicted of selling spirituous liquors without licence in the county of Philadelphia, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 20th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Miles, and	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher,	

Jonas Hartzell, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Northampton, attended, and was admitted to a seat at the Board, he having previously taken the oaths required by the Constitution.

The oath to support the Constitution of the United States required by Act of Congress of the first day of June last, was also duly administered to Mr. Hartzell.

Returns of the General Elections held in the counties of Lancaster, York and Cumberland, were received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected: James Ross and Michael App, Sheriffs, and George Graff and John Weidley, Coroners of the county of Lancaster.

Conrad Laub and William McClellan, Sheriffs, and Andrew Johnston, and Doctor John Morris, Coroners for the county of York; and Thomas Buchanan, and John Jordan, Sheriffs, and Henry Quigley, and James Lamberton, Coroners for the county of Cumberland; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That James Ross be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and George Graff, Coroner of the county of Lancaster.

Conrad Laub, Sheriff, and Andrew Johnston, Coroner of the county of York; and Thomas Buchanan, Sheriff, and Henry Quigley, Coroner of the county of Cumberland.

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be accepted as sureties, vizt: Doctor Frederick Kuhn and Samuel Wright, for the Sheriff of the county of Lancaster; Daniel May, Philip Gausler and Andrew Billmeyer, for the Sheriff of the county of York; and William McFarland and James Loughlin, for the Sheriff of the county of Cumberland.

Colonel Willing informed Council that the law for erecting part of Chester county into a new county, directed that the Coroner for that new county should give security in the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds for the faithfull performance of his office; and thereupon, Joseph Dicks and Thomas Hinkson, were accepted as sureties.

A letter from John Sellers, resigning his appointment as one of the Commissioners for viewing the river Schuylkill, agreeably to Act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth of September last, was received and read, and his resignation accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Benjamin Rittenhouse, Esquire, be appointed a Commissioner to view the river Schuylkill, in the room of John Sellers, resigned.

Philip Sheaff, Esquire, who was appointed by Council on the ninth instant, to be Collector of Excise in the county of Delaware, now offered Richard Willing, Esquire, and William Sheaff, merchant, as his sureties, and they were accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Tuesday next be assigned for going into the appointment of a Surveyor General for this State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 21st, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Samuel Miles,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Samuel Edie,		

Returns of the General Election held in the counties of Northumberland and Dauphine, were received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

William Wilson, Esquire, Councillor; Martin Withington and John Clunie, Sheriffs; and Joseph Lorentz, and Daniel Aurandt, Coroners of the county of Northumberland.

James Clunie and Rudolph Keller, Sheriffs; and Michael Rahm, and Peter Miller, Coroners of the county of Dauphine; whereupon,

Resolved, That Martin Withington, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Joseph Lorentz, Coroner of the county of Northumberland; and that James Clunie, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Michael Rahm, Coroner for the county of Dauphine.

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be accepted as sureties, vizt: Henry Shoemaker, George Moy and Andrew Stroup, for the Sheriff of the county of Northumberland; and Robert Clark, and Valentine Hummell, for the Sheriff of the county of Dauphine.

Upon application of John Adlum, one of the Commissioners appointed to view the river Schuylkill, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the sum of thirty pounds, payable out of the fund appropriated by Act of the General Assembly passed the twenty-eighth of September last, to enable him to proceed in the business of his appointment, and for which sum he is to be accountable.

A return of an election of officers of the eighth company of the first battalion of militia of the county of Luzerne, signed by the Lieutenant of that county, was read, approved, and commissions were directed to issue agreeably thereto.

The accounts of Henry Spycker, Esquire, paymaster of the militia of the county of Berks, with the Comptroller General's report thereon, which was read and approved in Council the twenty-third day of May, 1789, were laid before the Board; and thereupon, an order was directed to issue in his favor upon the Treasurer for the sum of two hundred and seventeen pounds six shillings and five pence, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said county of Berks, being a ballance due upon the said account to him from the State.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Captain John Nelson, for the pay of his company of Northampton county militia for services in 1779, 1780, and 1781, at sundry times as therein specified, amounting to fourteen pounds fifteen shillings and five pence.

Of Captain Alexander Forsman, of the militia of Northampton county, for the pay of himself and his Ensign for services in 1778, 1779 and 1780, amounting to four pounds four shillings and three pence.

Upon the second reading of the petition of Bartholomew Van Heer, who was convicted of an assault and battery upon a certain Peter Berger, at the last Mayor's Court, and sentenced to pay a

fine of five pounds to the use of the Commonwealth, praying remission of the said fine,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

Upon application of John Hewson, requesting Council to grant him an order for fifty pounds, being the third installment allowed by act of Assembly passed the twenty-seventh day of March last, to assist him in carrying on his business of callico printing and bleaching in this State,

Resolved, That an order issue in favor of the said John Hewson, for the said sum of fifty pounds; and that Peter Smallwood be accepted as surety for the faithfull application and repayment of the said sum, according to the true intent and meaning of the said act of Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 22nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	
James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts, and	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
Christopher Kucher,		

A return of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners held in the county of Luzerne was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:—Jesse Fell and William Ross Sheriff; and Abel Yarington and Nathan Cary Coroners.

On motion,

Resolved, That Jesse Fell be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Abel Yarington Coroner, of the county of Luzerne.

James Stewart, Putnam Catlin and Nathan Kingley, were offered and accepted as sureties for the said Sheriff's discharge of the duties of his office according to law.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Richard Footman, Auctioneer for the district of Moyamensing, for State duty received upon goods sold at auction, from the thirtieth of March until the twenty-eighth of September, 1789, amounting to sixty-nine pounds and five pence half penny, was read and approved.

Upon the petition and recommendation for the pardon of a certain William Kintzler, who was convicted in the county of Mont-

gomery of larceny, and sentenced to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of twenty-four shillings and undergo a servitude at hard labor for one year,

Resolved, That the said William Kintzler be pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 23rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Miles,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Jonas Hartzell,		

William Wilson, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Northumberland, attended, and was admitted to a seat at the Board, he having previously taken the oaths required by the Constitution of the State.

The oath to support the Constitution of the United States, required by act of Congress of the first day of June last, was also duly administered to Mr. Wilson.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, for the sum of twenty-three pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill this day inclusively.

In favor of Griffith Owen, for eleven pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, amount of his account for winding up and taking care of the State House clock for seven months, from the fourth day of March to the third day of October, 1789, according to the Comptroller and Register General's reports of the twenty-second instant.

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Edie, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds, payable out of the fund appropriated for claims and improvements, being the remainder of the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds which was granted by act of Assembly passed the twenty-seventh of March last, for the purpose of opening and repairing the public road through Black's Gap, between Chambersburgh and Yorktown, for which sum the Commissioners appointed by Council on the twenty-fourth of June last to superintend the said work are to account.

The Committee appointed to examine into the several claims of Joseph Perkins, Abraham Morrow and John Nicholson, for new orders of Council, in pursuance of the act of Assembly dated the

twenty-ninth of September last, for the several balances due to them for repairing public arms, delivered in a report, which was read the second time and adopted, as follows, vizt:

The Committee to whom was referred the account of John Nicholson, gunsmith, report a concurrence with the Comptroller and Register General's thereon.

The accounts of Joseph Perkins and Abraham Morrow being referred to the said Committee, they observe that at the settlement of the said accounts with the Comptroller General, the parties entered into an agreement, which is specified on the back of the said accounts, that if the paper should appreciate, they would receive a sum in proportion, to be of equal value as when the account was settled, and if the money should depreciate, they were to receive an additional sum, which said agreement your Committee are of opinion should be adhered to; therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the accounts of Joseph Perkins and Abraham Morrow be settled and adjusted agreeably to the agreement made by them with the Comptroller General.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 24th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	William Wilson,	
Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the account of Timothy Morarity, for his pay in the late Pensylvania Navy, amounting to two pounds fifteen shillings and six pence, was read and approved.

A return of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners held in the county of Mifflin, was received and read, by which it appears that George Wilson and William Wilson were duly elected Sheriffs, and James Taylor and John Wilson Coroners of the said county; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That George Wilson, Esquire, be appointed and commisionated Sheriff, and James Taylor Coroner, of the said county of Mifflin.

Thomas Wilson and Thomas Beal were offered and accepted as sureties for the said Sheriff's faithful performance of the duties of his office, according to law.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Catherine Moore, now confined in the workhouse of this city, with an instruction to make enquiry into the particular character of the petitioner,

Resolved, That the said Catherine Moore be pardoned.

On motion,

Resolved, That new commissions of the pleas issue to William Brown, William McCoy, William Bell and James Burns, Esquires, Justices of the Peace of Mifflin county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 26th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	Richard Willing,	

On motion,

Resolved, That the Vice President, Samuel Miles and Mr. Smith, be appointed a committee to prepare and report to Council a draft of a message to the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 27th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Richard Willing,	

On motion,

Resolved, That the election of a Surveyor General, in the room of John Lukens, Esquire, deceased, (appointed for this day,) be postponed untill Tuesday next.

Upon the second reading of the petition of John Archibald for remission of a fine of ten pounds, payable to the use of the Commonwealth, which was imposed upon him at the last Mayor's Court, upon his being convicted of keeping a tippling house,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the account of Jacob Bennett, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Bucks, for the expences of attending the citation of witnesses to attend the hearing before Council of the late contested election of Justices of the Peace in the townships of Northampton and Southampton, in the county of Bucks, amounting to six pounds eleven shillings and five pence,

Resolved, That the Council approve of the said account, and that three pounds thirteen shillings and eleven pence be paid by the Overseer of the Poor of the township of Northampton, and two pounds seventeen shillings and six pence by the Overseer of the Poor of the township of Southampton, according to the seventeenth section of an act of Assembly passed the fourth day of March, 1786.

The Council met.

Philadelphia, Wednesday, October 28th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable George Ross, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Miles,	
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie,	
Zebulun Potts,	Richard Willing,	

A letter from the Secretary at War, at New-York, requesting a list of persons entitled to pensions by the laws of this State, was received and read, and an order was taken that the Secretary apply to the Comptroller General for information on that subject.

A report from William Clingan and John Culbertson, two of the Justices of the Peace appointed to investigate the complaint against an election of Justices of the Peace held in the district of the townships of Kennet, East and West Marlborough, in the county of Chester, on the twentieth of December, 1787, was received and read; and no sufficient reason appearing to set aside the said election, an order was taken to confirm the same; and thereupon

Robert Cooper was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and Court of Common Pleas of the said county of Chester, he having a majority of votes.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Francis Bailey for one hundred and forty-one pounds and six pence, in full for printing work done for Council from February the fourth, 1788, to October tenth, 1789, according to the Comptroller and Register General's reports.

Three setts of the journals of the first sessions of the House of Representatives of the United States was received.

On motion,

Resolved, That Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, be directed to furnish to Anthony Wright, Quarter Master Sergeant of the battalion of Artillery in this city, fifty weight of gunpowder and ten yards of flannel, to be used by the said battalion on the day of the election of a Presid't and Vice President.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 29th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE Ross, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Amos Gregg,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, the orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Nicholson, (gunsmith,) for the sum of twenty-three pounds five shillings and two pence, payable out of the fund appropriated for claims and improvements, according to act of Assembly dated the twenty-ninth of September last, being the ballance due upon his account for repairing public arms belonging to the city and liberties of Philadelphia, as settled by the Comptroller General on the ninth instant.

In favor of George Troutner, for the sum of one pound ten shillings, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Northumberland, being the amount of his account as settled by the Comptroller General, for militia services for twelve days in making a return of the male white inhabitants of Penn's township, in the said county, according to the act of Assembly passed the fourteenth of February, 1777.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the consideration of the letter from Doctor Thomas Ruston, of the

twenty-sixth instant, claiming his seat in Council for the county of Chester; and thereupon,

Resolved unanimously, That Doctor Thomas Ruston cannot be admitted to take his seat as councillor for the county of Chester, that county being represented in Council by Colonel Richard Willing, who was elected on the fifteenth day of October, 1788.

A return of the general election of a Councillor and Sheriffs, and Coroners, held in the county of Fayette, was received and read, by which it appears that Nathaniel Breading was duly elected Councillor, and Joseph Torrence and Joseph Hewston, Sheriffs, and Henry Beeson and Thomas Rogers, Coroners of the said county; whereupon,

Resolved, That Joseph Torrence, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Henry Beeson, Coroner of the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 30th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	
William Wilson,	Zebulun Potts,	

Agreeably to the request contained in the letter from His Excellency the President of the United States, of the third instant, a draft of a Proclamation was laid before the Board, read, and agreed to as follows, vizt:

Pennsylvania, ss:

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The President of the United States hath transmitted to this Council, this Proclamation for a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, requesting that the same might be published and made known in this State in the following words, vizt:

By the President of the United States of America:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be gratefull for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor:

And whereas, Both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with gratefull hearts, the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Now therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious being, who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks for his kind care and protection of the people of this country, previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly, the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing usefull knowledge, and in general, for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also, that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the Great Lord and Ruler of nations, and beseech him to pardon our national, and other transgressions, to enable us all, whether in public or in private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations, (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us,) and to bless them with good government, peace and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us; and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the city of New York, the third day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Now, we, the President and Supreme Executive Council aforesaid, do recommend the said Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November next, to be set apart and observed throughout this State

as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, for the good and pious purposes expressed in the said Proclamation.

Given in Council under the hand of His Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Commonwealth the fourteenth.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Attest:—CHARLES BIDDLE, Sec'ry.

A return of the general elections of a Councillor and of Sheriffs and Coroners, held in the county of Allegany, and a return of the general election of a Councillor held in the county of Luzerne, were received and read, by which it appears that John Wilkins, Junior, was duly elected Councillor for the county of Allegany, and James Morrison and Samuel Evalt, Sheriffs, and David Watson and John McDowell, Coroners of the said county; and that Lord Butler, Esquire, was duly elected Councillor for the county of Luzerne.

On motion,

Resolved, That James Morrison be appointed and commissionated Sheriff of the county of Allegany, and Jacob Bousman and Samuel Sample of said county, be accepted as sureties for his faithfull performance of the duties of his office according to law.

Resolved, That David Watson be appointed and commissionated Coroner of the said county of Allegany.

Lord Butler, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Luzerne, attended and was admitted to a seat at the Board, he having previously taken the oaths required by the Constitution of this State, and also the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, required by act of Congress, passed the first of June last.

On motion,

Resolved, That Tuesday next be appointed for the election of a Measurer of wheat and other corn, and salt, in the room of John Biddle, Esquire, deceased.

Upon the recommendation of Chief Justice McKean, Judge Shippen, the petit jury, and many other respectable citizens, in favor of a certain Henry Gregemier, who was convicted at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer, held in the county of Philadelphia, of a robbery, and sentenced to undergo a servitude of five years at hard labour, &c.a.

Resolved, That the said Henry Gregemier be pardoned, on condition of restoring the goods stolen or the value thereof.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Oct'r 31st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esq'rs.
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
William Wilson,	Zebulun Potts,	
Samuel Edie,	Lord Butler,	
Jonas Hartzell,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 2nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	
Richard Willing,	Samuel Edie,	
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watt, (now returned,) and	
William Wilson,		
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 3rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
James Read,	Lord Butler,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Richard Willing,	Samuel Edie,	
Zebulun Potts,		

Mr. Lutz, Mr. Neville and Mr. Lilly, a committee from the General Assembly attending, were introduced, and informed Council

that the house was now met and ready to receive any business which Council might have to lay before them.

The committee were informed that a message was preparing, and would be laid before the House this day, together with several public papers which have been received since the last adjournment of the Assembly.

A draft of a message from Council to the General Assembly was laid before Council, read and approved, as follows, vizt:

A Message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly:

Gentlemen:—We herewith transmit letters from his Excellency the President of the United States, of the second and third days of October, 1789, with several acts and resolves of the Congress of the United States, which have been received since the last adjournment of the Legislature, vizt:

An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States.

An Act to regulate the process in the Courts of the United States.

An Act to explain and amend an act for registering and clearing vessels, regulating the coasting trade, and for other purposes.

An Act to recognize and adopt to the Constitution of the United States, the establishment of troops raised under the resolves of the United States in Congress assembled, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act providing for the payment of the Invalid pensioners of the United States.

An Act making appropriations for the present year.

An Act to allow the Baron de Glaubeck the pay of Captain in the army of the United States.

An Act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress, and a resolution for continuing John White, John Wright and Joshua Dawson in office untill the fourth day of February, 1790; also a letter from Alexander Hamilton, Esquire, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, dated September the twenty-sixth, 1789, inclosing two resolutions of the House of Representatives of the United States, dated the twenty-first of the same month, respecting the public debts.

A copy of the amendments proposed to be added to the Constitution of the United States.

Two letters from Henry Knox, Esquire, Secretary at War, of the sixth and nineteenth of October, 1789, inclosing an extract of an act of Congress, dated the twenty ninth day of September, which authorizes the President of the United States to call into service from time to time, such parts of the militia as he may judge necessary for the protection of the inhabitants of the frontiers of the United States, from the hostile incursions of the Indians, and requesting a list of persons entitled to pensions by the laws of this State.

Copies of the Journals of the first sessions of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of the United States, also accompanying this message.

By several resolves of the General Assembly, in the year 1775 and 1776, and by act of the twentieth of March, 1777, four hundred thousand pounds were emitted in bills of credit, of which there remained unredeemed by the last report of the Comptroller General, two hundred and twenty-five thousand six hundred and ninety-nine pounds. The holders of such bills are intitled to receive in lieu thereof bills of credit of April, 1781, at the rate of one hundred and seventy-five for one; we are of opinion that a day should be fixed for the final redemption of those bills.

By an act of Assembly of the first day of June, 1780, Council were authorized to appoint agents in the several counties of this State to purchase horses and provisions for the army of the United States, for which articles, certificates bearing an interest of six per cent, were given by the agents; of those certificates there remain unpaid to the amount of four thousand pounds in paper bills of 1781, we recommend to the General Assembly to limit the time for the exchange of all such certificates.

A law should be passed to prevent the receipt of certificates of the United States in the Land office.

The act of Assembly of the eighth day of April, 1785, which established the salaries of the officers of the land office, and required them to account on oath, for all fees received in their respective offices, expired on the first day of May last. That law we are of opinion should be revived.

We submit to the Legislature the propriety of a revision of all laws of this State, which interfere with the acts or resolves of the Congress of the United States.

The laws relative to the health office are imperfect. The introduction of infectious diseases into the State is not sufficiently guarded against, nor is the allowance to the officer adequate to the appointment. This subject we recommend to the early attention of the General Assembly.

We recall the attention of the House to the claims of the widows and children of deceased officers of the Pennsylvania line, Flying Camp, State Regiments and State Navy. Orphans' Courts continue to draw orders for the payment of pensions, in conformity with the act of Assembly of the first day of March, 1780, although the funds out of which payment of pen. heretofore been made, have by subsequent acts been appropriated to other purposes.

A limitation of the time for bringing suits against the sureties of Sheriffs, and of the time for exhibiting claims against the State, for supplies and personal services during the late war, we are of opinion will be of public utility.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Council Chamber, Philad'a, Novem'r 3rd, 1789.

Mr. Wilson was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the present month.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the election of a Surveyor General of this Commonwealth, in the room of John Lukens, Esquire, deceased, and of a measurer of wheat and other grain, and of salt, in the room of John Biddle, deceased; and the ballots being taken for the candidates for the said several offices, it appeared that Daniel Brodhead was duly elected Surveyor General of the said Commonwealth, and that Benjamin Davis, Jun'r, was duly elected measurer of wheat and other grain, and of salt, in and for the said Commonwealth.

A return of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners held in the city and county of Philadelphia, was laid before Council and read, by which it appears that James Ash and William Will, were duly elected Sheriffs, and John Leacock and Peter Jodon Coroners; whereupon,

Resolved, That James Ash, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff, and John Leacock Coroner, of the said city and county of Philadelphia.

A letter containing additional instructions to the commissioners appointed on the second of October last to view the obstructions to the navigation of the river Susquehanna and Juniata, was written and agreed to, as follows, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, November 3rd, 1789.

GENTLEMEN:—Your information received by Council since the date of our letter of instructions to you, we think it proper to give you the following directions for your immediate government, which you are most strictly to observe: You are to confine yourselves to the falls and obstructions of the river Susquehanna, from Wright's Ferry up the said river to include the head of McKee's Half Falls, and from the mouth of the river Juniata up the said river, to include the head of Aughwick Falls. Council are induced to give you these additional instructions from the necessity of having your report of the probable expence of removing the several obstructions, and improving the navigation of the said rivers between those distances, to be laid before the General Assembly in their present sessions.

I am, gentlemen, with great respect,
Your most obedient and very humble servant,
GEORGE ROSS, V. P.

To the Commissioners appointed to view the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 4th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	Esquires.
Alexander Smith,	Samuel Edie,	
Richard Willing,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	
Zebulon Potts,	Samuel Miles, and	
Lord Butler,	Richard Willing,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance as Door-keeper to Council for the month of October, 1789.

Ephraim Douglass, Esquire, and James Paul, of the county of Fayette, were offered and accepted as sureties for Joseph Terrance's faithfull performance of his office of Sheriff of the said county, according to law.

On motion,

Resolved, That Friday next be assigned for going into the appointment of a President of the several courts of the county of Delaware.

Upon a letter from the Commissioners of the county of Northampton, requesting Council to issue their warrant for the removal of a certain George Sinclaire, who hath been convicted of a burglary in the said county, and sentenced to a servitude of ten years at hard labor &c.,

Ordered, That a warrant under the lesser seal of the State be now issued for removing the said George Sinclaire from the jail of the county of Northampton to the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia agreeably act of Assembly of September, 1786.

A return of an election of Justices of the Peace from the district of the townships of Delaware and Upper Smithfield, in the county of Northampton, was laid before Council and read, and an order taken that the said return be transmitted to the Clerk of the Peace of said county, the same being defective for want of the tally list, the list of voters, and not being entered with the Prothonotary of the county, whose certificate is necessary to make the return compleat.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 5th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Samuel Edie,
Samuel Miles, Zebulun Potts,
Abraham Smith, Lord Butler, and } Esquires.
Christopher Kucher, Frederick Watt,
William Wilson,

Upon the petition of John McPherson, of the county of York, for the pardon of his negro, Harry, who was convicted of larceny at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery held in and for the said county in the month of October last, and sentenced by the said Court to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of one pound eighteen shillings and two pence, and undergo a servitude of three months at hard labour, &c.,

Resolved, That the said fine and the punishment at hard labour be remitted.

Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, appointed on the third instant Surveyor General of this Commonwealth, now offered as his sureties for the faithfull performance of his said office, according to law, Reynold Keen, Joseph Carson, and William Bell, who were accepted as such.

On motion,

Resolved, That Friday next be assigned to consider of the propriety of appointing Peter Miller, of Philadelphia, and Benjamin Wallace, of Dauphine county, Justices of the Common Pleas.

Returns of the general elections of Sheriffs and Coroners held in the counties of Franklin and Huntingdon on the second Tuesday of October last, were received and read, by which it appears that John Johnston, Henry Work, and Thomas Brown, were duly elected Sheriffs, and George Clark and Thomas McLean Coroners of the county of Franklin, and John Patton and Alexander Ramsey Sheriffs, and Lodowick Sell and William Enyeart Coroners of the county of Huntingdon; whereupon,

Resolved, That John Johnston, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff, and George Clark Coroner of the county of Franklin, and John Patton, Esquire, Sheriff, and Lodowick Sell Coroner of the county of Huntingdon.

A certificate from Doctor Benjamin Duffield, that Thomas Archer, a prisoner confined in the jail of this city for an assault and battery, is dangerously ill of a pleurisy, was laid before Council and read, together with a petition from the prisoner, praying that

in consideration of his illness, Council will be pleased to remit the fine of thirty shillings imposed upon him for the said offence, and to release him from confinement: whereupon,

Resolved, That the fine aforesaid be remitted, and that the petitioner be released from confinement, agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Miles for the sum of seventy-five pounds ten shillings, being in full for his attendance in Council from the first of July to the fifth of November, 1789, inclusively, (deducting fourteen days' absence.)

James Ash, Esquire, offered as sureties for his faithfull performance of the office of Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, according to law, Brian Wilkinson, James Craig, Jun'r, Joseph Cowperthwait and Andrew Tybout, who were accepted.

Petitions from Arthur French and Thomas McCartney, two prisoners confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, praying Council to pardon the several offences of which they have been convicted, were read; and it being represented to Council that their families are in great distress, and likely to become a public charge; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Arthur French and Thomas McCarty be pardoned.

A petition from John Simpson, a prisoner confined in the same jail, praying a pardon, was also read, together with a certificate from the Jailor of his having behaved himself orderly since his confinement; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said John Simpson be pardoned, on condition of his departing this State within three weeks from this date, not to return.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 6th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Samuel Edie,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
William Wilson,	Amos Gregg, and	
Lord Butler,	Richard Willing,	
Samuel Miles,		

Returns of the General Election held in the counties of Bedford and Washington, on the second Tuesday in October last, were re-

ceived and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt :—James Martin, Councillor; Arthur McGaughey and John Cessna, Sheriffs; and Thomas Vickror and Thomas McGaughey, Coroners, of the county of Bedford. Henry Taylor, Councillor; David Williamson and William Wallace, Sheriffs; and Samuel Clark and Sashbazer Bently, Coroners; whereupon,

Resolved, Arthur McGaughey be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Thomas Vickror, Coroner, of the county of Bedford; and David Williamson, Sheriff, and Samuel Clark, Coroner, of the county of Washington.

Samuel Davidson and George Funk were offered and accepted as sureties for the Sheriff of the county of Bedford; and William Parker and John Lemon, sureties for the Sheriff of the county of Washington

The order of the day for the appointment of a President of the several Courts in the county of Delaware, and for considering of the propriety of appointing Peter Miller and Benjamin Wallace Justices of the Common Pleas, was postponed.

Upon the second reading of the letter from Alexander Hamilton, Esquire, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, relative to claims of this State against the United States, and the letter from Henry Knox, Esquire, Secretary at War, requesting a list of persons entitled to pensions by the laws of this State,

Resolved, That the same be referred to Colonel Smith, Christopher Kucher and Lord Butler, with an instruction to confer with the Comptroller General thereon.

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's report of this day, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Armstrong, Jun'r, Esquire, for three hundred and eighty-seven pounds fifteen shillings, being a ballance due upon his account for his pay as a Delegate from this State to the late Congress of the United States.

Mr. Gurney, Mr. Lilly and Mr. Kennedy, attending, were introduced, and informed Council that they were a committee from the General Assembly appointed to confer with the Board respecting the election of a President and Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council; whereupon, a Conference was held, and with the committee it was agreed that on Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in the Assembly Room, the election of a President and Vice President should take place, and the following order of procession to the old Court House, in Market street, be observed, vizt:

Constables with their staves.

Sub-Sheriffs with their wands.

High Sheriff and Coroner with their wands.

Judges of the Supreme Court, and Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals.

Attorney General and Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.
Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia.
Treasurer.
Comptroller General and Register General.
Secretary of the Land Office.
Receiver General and Surveyor General.
Justices of the Peace.
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, and Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sess's.
Clerks of the Mayor's Court and of the Corporation.
Mayor, Recorder and Alderman.
Members of the Common Council.
Master of the Rolls and Register of Wills.
Register of German passengers, and Collector of Excise in the city and county of Philadelphia.
Assistant Secretary of the Council.
Secretary of the Council.
His Excellency the President, and Honorable the Vice President.
Members of the Council, two and two.
Door-keeper of the Council.
Serjeant-at-Arms with the mace.
Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.
Members of the General Assembly, two and two.
Door-keeper of the General Assembly.
Provost and Faculty of the University.
Officers of the militia.
Citizens.

Council resumed the consideration of the case of James Cassady, who was convicted of a robbery at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held in the city of Philadelphia on the twenty-ninth day of January last; it being represented to the Board that he will go to Ireland, his native country, if pardoned.

Resolved, That the said James Cassady be and he is hereby pardoned, on condition of his leaving the State within five days from the date hereof, not to return.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 7th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
James Read,	William Wilson,	
Samuel Edie,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg,	
Richard Willing,		

On motion,

Henry Hale Graham, Esquire, was unanimously appointed President of the Court of Common Pleas, of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and of the Orphans' Court, in and for the county of Delaware.

Letters from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, nominating the following gentlemen Deputy Surveyors, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the eighth day of April, 1785, were received and read, vizt:

Henry Ream, Deputy Surveyor for part of Lancaster county.

Thomas Clarke, for part of Lancaster, Dauphine, & Berks.

William Kersey and John Forsyth, for the county of York.

Matthew Henderson, Deputy Surveyor for part of Cumberland & Franklin.

And George Woods, for part of Bedford county.

Resolved, That the Board concur with the above nominations.

John Stewart and Jacob Smyser, of the county of York, were offered and accepted as sureties for William Kersey and John Forsyth, Deputy Surveyors of York county, and Francis Campble and Robert Peoples for Mathew Henderson, Deputy Surveyor of part of Cumberland and Franklin counties.

Upon the second reading of a petition from David English, the elder, who was convicted of forgery in the county of Cumberland, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county to pay a fine of five pounds to the use of the Commonwealth, and to stand one hour in the pillory, &ca., praying a pardon, and a recommendation from the Justices of the said court, in favor of the petitioner,

Resolved, That the said David English, the elder, be and he is hereby pardoned.

Council proceeded to the further consideration of the petition and recommendation in favor of Thomas McCully, who was con-

victed of larceny upon two indictments in the county of Chester; and on motion, it was

Resolved, To pardon the said Thomas McCully, upon condition of his leaving this State within three weeks from this date, not to return.

Messrs Rawle, Kennedy, Wynkoop, and Vaux, a committee from the General Assembly, attended, and produced two resolutions of Assembly, of this date, relative to the suit at issue this day between the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Commonwealth, and leaving it discretionary with Council to conduct the action in such manner as they think proper.

Whereupon, it was agreed that Jared Ingersoll, Esquire, be appointed and instructed to assist the Attorney General in the suit, and, with him, to do what they may think most beneficial for the State.

On motion,

Three orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Messieurs Joseph Rakestraw and William Colliday, for the sum of one hundred pounds each, payable out of the fund appropriated by resolution of the General Assembly dated the twentieth of March last, for repairing the State House, for which sums they are to be accountable.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 9th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Richard Willing,	
Christopher Kucher,	Lord Butler,	
Abraham Smith,	William Wilson, and	
Frederick Watt,	Amos Gregg,	

A return of the general election held on the thirtieth day of October last, in the county of Westmoreland, was received and read, by which it appears that William Findley, Esquire, was duly elected Councillor, James Gutrey and John Cummings Sheriffs, and Robert Dickey and Robert Hunter Coroners for the said county of Westmoreland; whereupon,

Resolved, That James Gutrey be appointed and commissioned Sheriff, and Robert Dickey Coroner of the said county.

James Johnston, Thomas Campbell, and John Boggs were offered and accepted as sureties for John Johnston's faithfull performance of the office of Sheriff of the county of Franklin, according to law.

Agreeably to the report of the Comptroller and Register General, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Alexander Hale, for seven pounds fourteen shillings and six pence, amount of his account for making one hundred and thirty-two pigeon holes, to contain the papers of Council, making a new desk, repairing a book case, and furnishing materials.

Upon the application of John Donaldson, Esquire, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor, for fifty pounds, for defraying the expences of the Register General's Office, for which sum he is to account.

A letter from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, nominating Samuel Lyons a Deputy Surveyor of the townships of East Pennsborough, Allen, Middleton, West Pennsborough, Tyboine, Tyrone, Rye, and a part of Greenwood, in the county of Cumberland, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Board concur with the said nomination, and that Ephraim Blaine and Alexander McKeechen, Esquires, of the said county, be accepted as sureties for the said Deputy Surveyor.

John Miller and Jacob Erb were offered and accepted as sureties for Henry Rheam, who was appointed a Deputy Surveyor for part of Lancaster county, on the seventh instant; and Jacob Miley and Thomas McWright were accepted as sureties for Thomas Clark, appointed on the same day a Deputy Surveyor for part of Lancaster, Dauphine, and Berks.

A certificate from Alexander McKeechen, Esquire, of the sale of a tract of land of one hundred and seventy-three acres and seventy-two perches of land in Middleton township, Cumberland county, to John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred and eighty pounds ten shillings, as late the estate of Andrew Elliott, who was attainted of high treason, was laid before the Board and read, and a deed directed to issue agreeably thereto.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 10th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Lord Butler,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts, and	
William Wilson,	Frederick Watt,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller General and Register General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Griffith

Ewens, for the sum of eight pounds, being the amount of his account against the Commonwealth for the surveying fees of four tracts of donation lands surveyed by him, numbered 54, 55, 184, and 1807, which were not paid by the persons who drew them, and for which tracts patents are made out, and remain with Council.

Upon examination, it appearing that Henry Hale Graham is not a Justice of the Peace for the county of Delaware; therefore,

Resolved, That the commission granted on Saturday last, appointing him President of the Court of Common Pleas, of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and of the Orphans' Court of the said county of Delaware, be and the same is hereby revoked and made null and void.

Resolved, That Henry Hale Graham, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Delaware, and President of the said Court.

The committee to whom were referred the memorial of William Whitman, and the letter from the Comptroller General relative to the said Whitman's pension, delivered in a report, which was read, and on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time and adopted, as follows, vizt:

The committee appointed some time ago on the memorial of William Whitman, report:

That they have considered the said memorial and the objections made by the Comptroller General.

If the facts are as stated by the memorialist that he had given his parole and was really a prisoner of war from the time of the battle at Germantown, in October, 1777, till the end of the war, your Committee believe he was not only entitled to the depreciation he received but might have recovered his pay and other emoluments also. And if he was deranged in the year 1778, he would by the acts of Congress have been entitled to one year's whole pay. But if as the Comptroller General supposes he was not a prisoner of war and was left out of the arrangement of the Army, in 1778, he has received a certificate for two hundred and six pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence, agreeably to the Comptroller's report, more than he was justly entitled to receive at the time of his settlement. Nevertheless, your Committee are of opinion that it would be impolitic to go into the revision of accounts, settled so long ago as the year 1780, nor do they find any law authorising such a revision. That the memorialist was justly entitled to the pension he has obtained your Committee have no doubt.

Taking therefore every circumstance into consideration, they are of opinion that the memorialist ought to receive his pension as heretofore, and if the State has any demands against him which he disputes, the matter ought to be tried in a Court of law.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 11th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Lord Butler,	
Amos Gregg,	Richard Willing,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
William Wilson,		

A letter from William Richardson Attlee, Esquire, Prothonotary and Recorder of the county of Delaware, inclosing the first commission to Henry Hale Graham, Esquire, as President of the several Courts of said county, (granted on Saturday last, and yesterday revoked,) was received and read.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of George McKighan, for sixty-five pounds five shillings and eight pence, being five years' interest to the tenth of April, 1786, due upon his depreciation certificate No. 2511, according to acts of Assembly, dated the twenty-first of March, and twentieth of September, 1783, and twenty-fifth of March, 1786.

In favor of William Whitman, for sixty-five pounds, being due to him for pension untill the first day of May last, according to act of Assembly, dated the twenty-second of September, 1785.

Messieurs Rawle, Hoge and Carson, a Committee from the General Assembly, were introduced and informed Council that the House were ready to receive Council, agreeably to the order of the sixth instant, and to proceed with them to the intended election.

Council and the Assembly having met in the Assembly room and their votes collectively being taken, it appeared that His Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, was unanimously elected President, and the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, unanimouely elected Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council. After which, Council proceeded with the Assembly to the Court house steps in Market street, where Proclamation of the said elections was duly made, and the following order of procession observed, vizt:

Constables with their Staves.

Sub-Sheriffs with their Wands.

High Sheriff and Coroner with their Wands.

Judges of the Supreme Court and Judges of the High Court of Errrors and Appeals.

Attorney General and Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.

Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia.

Treasurer.

Comptroller General and Register General.

Secretary of the Land office.
Receiver General & Surveyor General.
Justices of the Peace.
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas and Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions
Clerks of the Mayor's Court and of the Corporation.
Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen members of the Common Coun'l.
Master of the Rolls & Register of the Wills.
Register of German Passengers and Collector of Excise in the city and county.
Assistant Secretary of the Council.
Secretary of the Council.
His Excellency the President and Honorable the Vice President.
Members of the Council two and two.
Door-keeper of the Council.
Serjeant-at-Arms with the mace.
Clerks of the General Assembly.
Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.
Members of the General Assembly two and two.
Door-keeper of the General Assembly.
Provost and Faculty of the University.
Officers of Militia.
Citizens.

Council returned to their Chamber, and His Excellency the President and the Honorable the Vice President took the oaths required by the Constitution, as a qualification for the exercise of their respective offices.

The oath to support the Constitution of the United States, required by act of Congress of the first day of June last, was also duly administered to the President and Vice President.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 12th, 1789.

PRESENT :

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Lord Butler,	
Richard Willing,	Frederick Watt, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Amos Gregg,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt :

In favor of his Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, for the sum of three hundred and seventy-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as President of the State, for which he is to account.

In favor of Robert Leslie, for nine pounds, amount of his account for cleaning and repairing the State House clock, according to the Comptroller and Register General's report of the second instant.

In favor of John Pearson, for the sum of ninety-nine pounds five shillings and eight pence in State money, of the emission of April the 7th, 1781, payable out of the fund appropriated by resolution of Assembly of the eighth of April, 1782, being a ballance due upon his certificate for five cattle furnished by him in the year 1780, for the use of the late Continental army.

James Martin, Councillor elect for the county of Bedford, appeared, and being qualified as the Constitution of the United States and of this State directs, was admitted to his seat at the Board.

Upon the second reading of the report of the committee to whom was referred the several petitions against Colonel George Woods, late member of Council for Bedford county; it was

Resolved, To recommit the said report and petitions, and Mr. Edie was named as one of the committee in the room of the Vice President, who is absent.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 13th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Read, Frederick Watt, Abraham Smith, Samuel Edie, William Wilson, Christopher Kucher, Zebulun Potts, James Martin, and Amos Gregg, Richard Willing, Lord Butler, } Esquires.

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Alexander M'Keechen, Esquire, agent for the sale of forfeited estates in Cumberland county, for his commissions upon two hundred and eighty pounds ten shillings, being the amount of the sale of a tract of land in Middletown township in said county, late of Andrew Elliott, attainted of high treason, two pounds sixteen shillings and one penny, and for the expences of said sale, amounting to one pound five shillings, for which last mentioned sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer.

Of James Biddle, Esquire, Prothonotary for the county of Philadelphia, for the tax upon writs from the fifteenth day of November, 1788, untill the fifteenth day of May, 1789, amounting to two hundred and seventy-nine pounds fifteen shillings.

Upon motion,

Resolved, That Colonel Miles, Colonel Smith and Colonel Wilson, be a committee to confer with a committee of the General Assembly, (should the House think proper to appoint a committee for the purpose) on the distressed situation of wounded and disabled soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, whose pensions under the laws of the State have ceased, and who will be deprived of support untill the fifth of March next, the time fixed by Congress for the payment of their pensions at the Treasurer of the United States.

The committee to whom was referred the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States with the enclosures, delivered in a report which was read, and on motion, and by special order the same was read the second time and adopted, as follows, vizt :

That on taking the said letter and resolution enclosed into consideration, they find that by the first part of the resolution, the Executives of the several States are called upon for a statement of the several engagements and public debts of the particular States respectively, and of the fund provided or appropriated for the payment of the whole or part of the principal and interest thereof, and that the last part of the resolution calls for a statement of the amount of Loan office certificates, or other public securities of the United States in the Treasury respectively.

That in the opinion of your committee, the first requisition in the resolution embraces every debt and engagement of the State, but they cannot think it necessary for the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to have, nor expedient at this time for the Executive of this Commonwealth to transmit a statement of those debts which have never been authorized by Congress, and with which the United States can never be charged, such as the civil list, the debt due by the States to the late proprietors, the various kinds of paper money issued under the authority of the State, the debt due by traitors whose estates have been confiscated, for demands and engagements for claims and improvements, or any other particular debt properly belonging to this State, or the funds appropriated for the payment of the same.

That in the opinion of your committee, it would be proper at this time to transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States an authentic statement of all such public debts of this State, which were contracted by the authority of the United States, or with which the United States are justly chargeable, whether they have been redeemed by the State or are yet unredeemed, together with the funds provided by the different laws of this State, for the payment of the principal or interest thereof.

That in the opinion of your committee it would be proper, agreeably to the last part of the said resolution, that the amount of the Loan Office certificates and other public securities of the United States in the Treasury of this State, should be transmitted to the

Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. Your committee therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be directed to make out and furnish Council, as soon as can be done with convenience, a statement of the whole amount of the depreciation certificates granted to the officers and soldiers of the army and military hospital, by the several laws of this Commonwealth; also the amount of such certificates as were granted in pursuance of the laws of this Commonwealth, whether for supplies furnished for the pay of the companies of rangers, volunteers or eighteen months' men, or militia; and also all such expenditures, since the commencement of the late war, as are chargeable to the United States, together with the funds appropriated, either in whole or in part, to pay the principal or interest thereof.

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be also directed to furnish Council with the amount of all such Loan Office certificates and other public securities of the United States, as are in the State Treasury, and are the property of this State; and also the amount of the interest paid by this Commonwealth, from time to time, on the Loan Office certificates and other evidences of the public debts of the United States.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 14th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg,	
William Wilson,	James Martin, and	
Frederick Watt,	Richard Willing,	

A letter from Lewis Farmer, Esquire, inclosing a list of one hundred and fourteen German passengers, who have arrived at Philadelphia from the tenth of January to the first of October, 1789, was received and read, and ordered to be filed.

The Comptroller & Register General's report upon the account of James Searle, for his services and expences as an Agent for this State to borrow money in Holland, in the year 1780, and for his pay as a Delegate from this State to Congress, previous to his said agency, by which a balance of five hundred and eight pounds five shillings and two pence appears to be due to the said James Searle, was read and approved.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General and Register General's report, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Hugh Barclay, Esquire, for seventy-six pounds thirteen shillings and two pence, being due to him upon his account as Lieutenant of the county of Bedford, as settled by the Comptroller General on the thirteenth instant, the said sum to be paid out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said county.

In favor of Lucinda Piper, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds fifteen shillings, in full of her pension until the first of September last, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the first of October, 1781; and in favor of Alexander Caul, for two pounds ten shillings and six pence, being his pension until the first of April last, according to act of Assembly dated the twenty-second of September, 1785.

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the account of John Forsyth, Esquire, collector of Excise in the county of York, for excise collected and outstanding between the twenty-fifth of September, 1788, to the first of October, 1789, amounting to one thousand five hundred and forty-seven pounds two shillings and one penny, whereof six hundred and fifty pounds one shilling and two pence appears to have been paid into the Treasury, was read and approved.

Upon further consideration of a letter from the Attorney General of the twelfth of August last, relative to certain bills of exchange drawn in the year 1775, by Messieurs Stocker and Wharton, merchants, for the payment of the amount of which to the State of Pennsylvania they became liable, proposing payment by the executors of said Stocker and Wharton, deceased, of the balance due to the Commonwealth, by a discount of interest due to the company on certain certificates in the possession of the said executors,

Resolved, unanimously, That the said proposal be accepted, and that the Attorney General be instructed to discharge the suit, on payment being made by the said executors accordingly and on their satisfying the costs of suit.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 16th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,	James Martin, and	
William Wilson,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watt,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 17th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Lord Butler,	
Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	} Esq'rs.
Abraham Smith,	James Martin, and	
William Wilson,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watts,		

A letter from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, nominating, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the eighth day of April, 1785, Mr. William Wheeler a Deputy Surveyor of that part of Berks county lying on the south side of the road leading from Pottsgrove through Reading to Ellis Hughes, and Francis Yarnall's to Port Augusta, except Clark's district in that county.

Resolved, That the Board concur with the said nomination, and that John Ludwig and Daniel Leimback, Esquires, be accepted as sureties for the said Deputy Surveyor.

Agreeably to a recommendation from Samuel Edmiston, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Mifflin, and several respectable inhabitants of the said county, William Brown, Esquire, was unanimously appointed President of the Court of Common Pleas, of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery and of the Orphans' Court of the said county of Mifflin, and commissionated accordingly.

John Moore and John Culbertson, Esquires, were offered and accepted as sureties for James Guthrie's faithful performance of the office of Sheriff of the county of Westmoreland according to law.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of John Hazelwood, Esquire, for his services and expences in the year 1776, in the State Navy, and as Commissioner for the purchase of provisions for the army in the year 1781, by which a ballance of two hundred and twenty-three pounds eleven shillings and three pence half penny appears to be due to Mr. Hazlewood, was read and approved.

Agreeably to an order of Orphans' Court of the county of Northumberland, held the seventh of October, 1788, and the Comptroller General's report thereon, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mary Magdelena Row, for fifteen pounds five shillings and seven pence, being due to her for her pension in right of her husband George Row, deceased, from the twenty-sixth day of Sep-

tember, 1786, to the seventh of October, 1788, to be paid out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 18th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Zebulun Potts,	William Wilson,	
Richard Willing,	James Martin,	
Lord Butler,	Frederick Watt,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Amos Gregg,	
Samuel Edie,		

The Attorney General attended and informed Council that the Jury in the cause of the Chief Justice against the State had not agreed in a verdict yesterday, and requesting instructions how to act, provided they should not be likely to agree this morning.—Council recommended to the Attorney General to act as he and Mr. Ingersol the other Council for the State should think most proper, all circumstances considered.

A letter from Samuel Boyd, Bartram Galbraith and Thomas Huling, Commissioners to examine the rivers Susquehanna and its Branches, stating the impracticability of compleating the business in time to report to Council in the present sessions of Assembly, was received and read.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report of the seventeenth instant, two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, one in favor of Joseph Perkins, for one hundred and eighteen pounds five shillings and seven pence, and the other in favor of Abraham Morrow, for thirty-three pounds four shillings and seven pence, payable out of the fund appropriated for claims and improvements, according to Act of Assembly passed the twenty-ninth day of September last, being granted in lieu of former orders for their services in repairing public arms, which remains unpaid, and are now delivered up to be cancelled.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Stephen Porter, for one-half of the pay and expences of an Indian interpreter, who was employed by the Commissioners appointed to run and mark the boundary line between this State and the State of New York, and for seven barrells of flour used by the Commissioners, amounting in the whole to forty-six pounds twelve shillings and seven pence. An order was drawn for this sum.

Of Stephen Shewell, for one thousand and fifty-nine bushells of salt taken from his store in August, 1776, by the Committee of Safety, and accounted for to the State, amounting to seven hundred and ninety-four pounds nine shillings.

A petition from John Logan, bricklayer, now confined in the jail of this city for receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such, and for harbouring persons who had been convicted of capital offences, praying a pardon, was read, and the petition dismissed.

A petition from Benjamin Miller, convicted of a burglary in the county of Montgomery, praying a pardon, was read; whereupon, it was moved and seconded to pardon the said Benjamin Miller, on condition of his leaving the State, and on the question to agree to the said motion, it was determined in the negative.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 19th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Lord Butler,	
Abraham Smith,	William Wilson,	
Samuel Edie,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Frederick Watt,	Amos Gregg, and	
James Martin,	Zebulun Potts,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Perkins, for one hundred and twelve pounds fifteen shillings, payable out of the fund appropriated for claims and improvements according to Act of Assembly passed the twenty-ninth of September last, being granted in lieu of a former order for his services in repairing public arms which remains unpaid, and is now delivered up to be cancelled.

Nathaniel Breading, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Fayette, appeared and being qualified as the Constitution of the United States and of this State direct, was admitted to his seat at the Board.

A letter from James Pemberton on behalf of the Society for the abolition of slavery, with copies of an address from the Society to the public for the members of Council, was received and read.

A letter from the Attorney General informed Council that in the cause of the Chief Justice against the State, a non-suit was suffered by the plaintiff, the jury being ready with their verdict, &c., and inclosing an account of Samuel Nichols, for the expences of the jury, amounting to four pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence, was received and read.

Letters from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, nominating the following gentlemen Deputy Surveyors, agreeably to Act of Assembly passed the eighth day of April, 1785, were received and read, vizt:

Henry Vanderslice, Deputy Surveyor of part of Berks county; Joseph Wallis, Deputy Surveyor of part of Northumberland county; and James Harris, Deputy Surveyor for all Mifflin county, except Upper Bald Eagle township, in the old purchase, and district No. 11 in the new purchase; thereupon,

Resolved, That the Board concur with the said nominations, and that the following gentlemen be accepted as sureties for the said Deputy Surveyors, vizt:

Jacob Morgan and Nicholas Lutz, for Henry Vanderslice; Samuel Wallis and John Loudon, for Joseph Wallis; and John Harris, and Samuel Bryson, Esquires, for James Harris.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Lord Butler, Esquire, for the sum of twenty five pounds five shillings, being in full of his account for his pay as Councillor untill the twenty-third instant, inclusive, and for his mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

Upon a petition and recommendation in favor of James Dunbar, now confined in the jail of this city for an assault and battery, praying remission of a fine of ten pounds imposed upon him by the Mayor's Court for the said offence,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

The fine of six pounds imposed upon James Durandt, confined in the same jail for a cheat, was also remitted, agreeably to the prayer of his petition, it appearing to Council by a certificate from Mr. Reynolds, the jailor, that his time of servitude is expired.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 20th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Frederick Watt,	Lord Butler,	
James Martin,		

Doctor John Wilkins, Councillor elect for the county of Allegany, appeared, and being qualified as the Constitution of this

State, and the act of Congress of the first of June last, direct, was admitted to his seat at the Board.

A letter from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, nominating agreeable to the act of Assembly of the eighth of April, 1785, Mr. Isaac Hicks, a Deputy Surveyor of the county of Bucks, in the place of Samuel Preston, who has removed from the county, was received and read; thereupon,

Resolved, That Council concur with the said nomination, and that Amos Gregg, Esquire, member of Council, and Mr. Joseph Baldwin, be accepted as sureties for the said Deputy Surveyor.

Upon farther consideration of the petitions and recommendations for the pardon of Benjamin Miller and George Harple, who were convicted of a robbery at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer, held in the county of Montgomery, and sentenced to five year hard labour, &ca., stating that this is the first offence,

Resolved, That the said Benjamin Miller and George Harple be and they are hereby pardoned, on condition of their giving sufficient security each, in the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, to be of good behaviour for the term of four years from this date, which security the Sheriff of the said county is hereby required to take.

The keeper of the jail of this city having certified to Council, that the servitude to which John Thompson, Patrick Lynch and Thomas Conner, were sentenced for larceny is now expired, and that they have been of good behaviour during their confinement; thereupon,

Resolved, That several fines of twenty shillings each, due from them to the Commonwealth, be and the same are hereby remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 21st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Wilkins,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher,	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts, and	
James Martin,	Lord Butler,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Zebulun Potts, Esquire, for the sum of ninety pound fifteen shillings, being in full for his attendance in Council from the twelfth day of July, to November the twenty-first, 1789, (deduct-

ing fourteen days' absence,) and his mileage twice coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

Proposals of a loan to the State in conformity to an act of Assembly, passed the twentieth instant, from several citizens, for the immediate relief of a number of wounded and disabled soldiers, whose pensions by the laws of this State have ceased, and who cannot receive any support from Congress untill the fifth day of March next, were laid before Council and read as follows, vizt:

Having taken into consideration the proposals for obtaining a loan for the immediate relief of the invalids made to us by the committee of the Supreme Executive Council, we agree to advance such sums of money as are set to our names on the following conditions, to wit:

To advance the money on loan to be secured by the certificates, letters of attorney and assignments of the invalids, and to be guarantied by Council, under the late act of Assembly for the relief of the invalids.

The repayment of the money in specie, with interest, to be made to the subscribers, or of so much thereof as shall not be recovered from the United States on the fifth day of March next, whether the deficiency may arise from frauds on the part of the invalids or non payment by the United States.

That arrangements be taken by a committee of Council with the subscribers for the manner of payment of the invalids, and for the re-payment to the subscribers from the United States.

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Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said proposals be accepted, and that Colonel Miles, Colonel Smith and Colonel Wilson be a committee to arrange the business with the subscribers to the said loan.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Lovely, who was convicted at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held at Philadelphia in February, 1789, for the city and county of Philadelphia, of harbouring certain persons who had been convicted of capital offences, knowing them to have been so convicted, and sentenced for the said offence to four years hard labour, &c.,

Resolved unanimously, That the said John Lovely be and he is hereby pardoned.

On motion,

Resolved, That Tuesday next be assigned for the consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition from Northampton county, relative to the Neseopeck road laid out by Evan Owen.

A list of pensioners entitled to the benefit of the act of Assembly, passed the twentieth instant, was laid before the Council by the Comptroller General.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday, November 23rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	
James Read,	William Wilson,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Abraham Smith,	Jonas Hartzell,	Esquires.
Samuel Edie,	Lord Butler,	
Frederick Watt,	John Wilkins,	
Amos Gregg,		

A transcript from the Journals of the General Assembly, containing the appointment of Christian Febiger, Esquire, as Treasurer of the State, on the thirteenth instant, was read and filed.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Loan Office, who occupy the chamber over the Assembly room, in consequence of the determination of Council of the nineteenth day of June last, remove their records, papers, &c., without delay from the said chamber, to accommodate the Convention who are to meet to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Trustees above mentioned have leave to make use of the committee room of Council during the sitting of the Convention, if the Trustees think proper to occupy the same.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt: Of Ephraim Douglass, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Fayette, for fees received for tavern licences from June, 1788, to September, 1789, amounting to thirty-seven pounds nineteen shillings.

Of Theobald Wink, for a ballance due upon his certificate for supplies furnished by him to the Continental Army in the year 1780, amounting in specie to four pounds twelve shillings and three pence.

A petition from Alexander Neilly, stating that he was convicted in the county of Allegany, of an assault upon a certain Elizabeth Brunton, with intent to ravish, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, to pay a fine of five pounds to the use of the Commonwealth, to be imprisoned six months, and at the end of that time to give security for good behaviour for twelve months, praying Council to pardon the said offence, was read, together with a certificate from the President of the said Court, stating the situation and circumstances of the petitioner, and recommending him to the mercy of Council; whereupon,

Resolved, That the fine of five pounds be remitted.

A petition from Frederick Wing, of the city of Philadelphia, baker, praying Council to remit a fine of five pounds which was imposed upon him by the last Mayor's Court, for refusing to accept the office of Collector of Militia fines, was read the second time, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 24th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
William Wilson,	James Martin, and	
Samuel Edie,	Frederick Watt,	
John Wilkins,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, for the sum of twenty-four pounds, in full for his attendance as Councillor from the twenty-fourth of October until the twenty-fourth of November, 1789, inclusively.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of several inhabitants of Northampton county, relative to the Nescopeck road, made a report, in the following words, to wit:

"That the prayer of the petition be granted, and that William Carnes, John Craig and Lawrence Erb, be and they are hereby appointed and authorized to review so much of the said road as lies between Black creek and the river Lehigh."

Upon recurring to the books of Council of June the twenty-third, 1787, it appears that the road from the river Lehigh to the Falls of Nescopeck, hath been confirmed and entered in the books of Council, according to law; therefore,

Resolved, That Council cannot agree to the said report of the Committee.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 25th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	James Martin,	
Samuel Edie,	Nathaniel Breading,	
John Wilkins,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
William Wilson,	Richard Willing,	

William Finley, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Westmoreland, appeared, and being qualified, as the Constitution of this State and the act of Congress of the first day of June last direct, was admitted to his seat at this Board.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Edie, Esquire, for sixty-six pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council one day in June, and from the seventh of September until the twenty-fifth of November, 1789, and also for mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

Upon the second reading of a petition from Maurice Fitzgerald, who was convicted of larceny in the county of Chester, praying a pardon, and also a recommendation from some of the Justices and many respectable inhabitants of the said county in his favor,

Resolved, That the said Maurice Fitzgerald be and he is hereby pardoned.

The Comptroller General's report upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Samuel Davidson, Esquire, as Treasurer of Bedford county, from the thirteenth of January untill the first of November, 1789, by which a ballance of two hundred and forty-eight pounds six shillings and two pence appears to the due to the State from the said Treasurer, and the sums of fifteen shillings and ten pence Continental money, and eight shillings and seven pence State money, are due from the State to the said Treasurer.

Of Daniel Kennedy, late Adjutant of the sixth Pennsylvania regiment, for his half-pay from the first of September, 1785, till the eleventh of March, 1786, the time of his death, by which a ballance of seven pounds one shilling and three pence appears to be due to the estate of the said Kennedy, and for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer.

Of Captain John Hubley, for Militia services in the first company of foot of the eighth battalion of Lancaster county militia, in the years 1780 and 1781, by which a ballance of twenty-six pounds

thirteen shillings and five pence appears to be due to the said John Hubley, and for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Lancaster.

Of Hilary Baker, Esquire, for monies received for tavern licences by him issued, between the sixteenth of February and the twenty-seventh of October, 1789, amounting to two hundred and seventeen pounds two shillings.

A certificate under the seal of the State, of David Sproat's attainder of high treason, by proclamation of Council of the twenty-first of May, 1778, was presented to the Board, agreed to, and signed by the President.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the accounts of Jacob Noell, for his pay as a seven months' man in the late Continental army, amounting to twelve pounds ten shillings was read and approved.

Sharp Delany, Esquire, Collector of State duties, attended, and gave Council some information respecting the state of his collections.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Novem'r 27th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Amos Gregg,	William Finley,	
Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie, and	
William Wilson,	Richard Willing,	
John Wilkins,		

John Stewart, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Mifflin, upon a return made according to law, from the district of Lack township, in the county aforesaid.

A petition from a number of settlers on a tract of land situate in the forks of Delaware, in the county of Northampton, commonly known by the name of the Dry Land, which has been deemed to be appropriated and reserved by the late Proprietors of Pennsylvania, stating that they and other settlers have been called upon by the agent of the said Proprietaries to pay for their farms and receive deeds for the same, but that a considerable number have re-

fused to comply, alledging that the said tract is vested in the Commonwealth, by the act of Assembly of November twenty-seventh, 1779, against whom ejectments have been brought for the recovery of the said lands; that the petitioners are desirous to settle with those who have title, whether the Commonwealth or the said late Proprietaries, and praying Council to direct an enquiry into the title to the said lands, and take such further order as may relieve them in their present embarrassing situation, was read the second time; and thereupon,

Resolved, That as suits at law have been instituted to try the title to the said lands, this Board cannot comply with the prayer of the said petition, and that therefore the petitioners have leave to withdraw the same.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 28th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	John Wilkins,	
Zebulun Potts,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	
Samuel Edie,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watt,	William Findley,	
James Read,	Amos Gregg,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-three pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the sixteenth of October till the twenty-eighth of November, 1789, both days included.

On motion,

Resolved, That Colonel Miles, Doctor Gregg and Jonas Hartzell, be appointed a committee to enquire and to report what islands in the river Delaware are the property of this State.

A letter from Adam Grubb, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in the county of Delaware, requesting Council to accept his resignation of the said offices, was read, and an order taken that the said resignation be accepted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 30th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	
Abraham Smith,	William Findley,	
Frederick Watt,	Samuel Edie,	
John Wilkins,	Zebulun Potts,	

John Minor, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Washington, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township of Green, in the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 1st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
James Read,	William Findley,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Zebulun Potts,	John Wilkins, and	
Abraham Smith,	William Wilson,	
Frederick Watt,		

A letter from the Surveyor General, dated the twenty-eighth of November, nominating James Johnston, Esquire, a Deputy Surveyor of district No. 5, in the new purchase, was received and read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this Board concur with the said nomination, and that Doctor Robert Johnston and John Johnson, High Sheriff of Franklin county, be accepted as sureties for the said James Johnston's faithfull performance of the said office, according to the act of Assembly passed the eighth of April, 1785.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Charles Biddle, Esquire, for the sum of fifty pounds, towards defraying the expence of the lamps and watch-houses placed in the State House

yard, and for paying wages to the Watchmen employed in guarding the public offices, agreeably to an act of Assembly passed the twenty-seventh day of March last, for which sum he is to be accountable.

Mr. Wilkins was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the present month.

A return of the General Election of a Councillor, held in the county of Huntingdon on the thirteenth day of October last, by which it appears that Benjamin Elliott, Esquire, was duly elected to represent that county in this Council, was received and read.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Gregg, Mr. Edie, and Mr. Read, be appointed a committee to consider of, and report what fee may be proper for Council to allow Mr. Bradford and Mr. Ingersol, Attorneys for the State, in the cause of the Chief Justice against the Commonwealth.

A patent to Jacob Clement, for four hundred and thirty-eight acres and one hundred and forty-six perches of land in Northampton county, (to correct the errors of a former patent granting only two hundred and seven acres and a half, and in which the length of one of the lines is mentioned to be sixty-nine perches instead of two hundred and seven perches and a half,) being presented by the Secretary of the Land Office, the same was signed by the President, agreeably to the direction of Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 2nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	Jonas Hartzell,	
William Wilson,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Samuel Edie,	James Martin,	
John Wilkins,	William Finley,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Vice President of the State on the fifth day of last month.

In favor of Frederick Sneider for fifteen pounds, being the amount of his accounts for his wages as Door-keeper to Council from the first to the thirtieth day of November, 1789, inclusive.

On motion,

Resolved, That Tuesday next be assigned for taking into consideration the report of the Commissioners, appointed by act of Assembly of the twenty-ninth day of September, 1787, to regulate the district of Southwark, and to lay out new streets, lanes and alleys therein.

Upon the petition of Samuel Shannon, a negro, now confined in the jail of this city for larceny, praying a pardon, and a recommendation from Joseph Thatcher, the person injured,

Resolved, That the said Samuel Shannon be and he is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 3rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	Jonas Hartzell,	
William Wilson,	James Martin,	
John Wilkins,	Frederick Watt,	
Samuel Edie,	Nathaniel Breading, and	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	

Henry Taylor Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Washington, appeared, and being qualified as the Constitution of this and the act of Congress of the first of June last direct, was admitted to his seat at the Board.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the fol. lowing accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Edward Crawford, junior, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Franklin, for money received for tavern and marriage licences since the first of April and untill the fifteenth of October, 1789, amounting to fifty-nine pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence.

Of William Poyntell, for seven hundred quills furnished for the use of Council between the twenty-eighth of May and twenty-seventh of November, 1789, amounting to four pounds eleven shillings, for which sum an order was drawn in his favor upon the Treasurer.

Upon the petitions of Michael Snoddy, Thomas Welch, and Joseph Gillings, alias Jennings, now confined in the jail of this city for larceny, praying remission of the several fines imposed upon them,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petitions be granted, it appearing to Council by a certificate from Mr. Reynolds, the jailer, that their terms of servitude are expired.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 4th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	
William Wilson,	Frederick Watt,	
John Wilkins,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Taylor,	
Samuel Edie,	William Finley, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	

A monthly statement from the Comptroller General of certificates received and delivered by him in exchange, was received and read.

A letter from the Commissioners appointed to view the river Delaware, being a general account of their proceedings, and containing observations on the improvement of the navigation of that river, was also received and read

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Andrew Brown, for thirteen pounds nine shillings and five pence, amount of his account for six copies of the Federal Gazette for one year, furnished for the use of Council, till the first of October last, and for printing work done for Council untill the third instant.

In favor of Abraham Morrow, for twenty-eight pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence, payable out of the fund appropriated for claims and improvements, according to act of Assembly passed the twenty-ninth of September last, being granted in lieu of a former order for his services in repairing public arms, which remains unpaid, and is now delivered up and cancelled.

The Mayor of the city laid before Council a certificate of Doctor Benjamin Duffield, "That Margaret Skinner, Sarah Smith, and Anne Smith, convicts, are in such diseased situations as to require a removal from the work house to some more comfortable place," which was read; and thereupon, it was

Resolved, To pardon the said Margaret Skinner, Sarah Smith, and Anne Smith, in order that they may be removed for their cure.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Miles, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Smith, Mr. Finley, and Mr. Wilson, be appointed a committee to request a conference with the Committee of Ways and Means, on the subject of suspending the levying of taxes for the ensuing year.

Upon the second reading of a petition from John McCoy, who was convicted in the county of Dauphine of an "assault with an attempt to rescue," praying that Council would be pleased to remit the fine of twenty shillings which was imposed upon him for the said offence,

Resolved, That the said fine be and the same is hereby remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 5th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Taylor,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins,	
Zebulun Potts,	William Wilson, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	Richard Willing,	
James Martin,		

Petitions from Thomas Robeson, John Faulkner, and John Hamilton, who were convicted at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in the county of Northumberland of a riot, and are now confined in the jail of that county, praying that Council would be pleased to remit the several fines which have been imposed upon them for the said offence, was read, together with a transcript of the record of their conviction, and a recommendation from several Justices of the Peace, and many respectable inhabitants of the said county in their favor; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the said fines be remitted.

A letter from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, dated November the twenty-third last, nominating, agreeably to act of Assembly of the eighth of April, 1785, Messieurs Presley Neville and Matthew Richey, as "Deputy Surveyors of a district late part of Washington county, part whereof has since been erected into a separate county called Allegany, bounded by the great road leading from Fort Bird to the town of Washington, late Cat Fish Camp, from thence to the nearest head waters of Buffaloe creek, thence down the said creek to the line of the State, thence along the same

to the river Ohio, thence up the same to the mouth of Monongahela river, and thence up the same to the beginning," was received and read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this Board concur with the said nomination.

Upon application of Archibald McCall, of this city, merchant, a sea letter under the great seal was issued to James Josiah, master of the ship Brothers, bound on a voyage to Canton, in China.

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Dolby for six pounds, amount of his account for ringing the bells upon the proclamation of the President and Vice President of Council, on the eleventh of last month.

A motion was made by Colonel Miles, seconded by Doctor Wilkins, as follows, vizt: That the sense of Council be taken on the propriety of the bill now before the General Assembly, for suspending the levying of taxes the ensuing year; whereupon, it was

Resolved unanimously, That the said suspension is contrary to the sence of this Board.

The fine and punishment at hard labour to which John Smith was sentenced at the last Mayor's Court, upon being convicted of keeping a disorderly house, was remitted, agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December the 7th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Amos Gregg,	Henry Taylor,	
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Abraham Smith,	
John Wilkins,	Richard Willing, and	
William Wilson,	William Findley,	
James Martin,		

The Comptroller General made a return to Council of three hundred and four persons entitled to pensions by the laws of this State, amounting to eighteen thousand six hundred and twenty six pounds fourteen shillings and six pence, and the same was transmitted by the President to Henry Knox, Esquire, Secretary at War, agreeably to the request contained in his letter of the nineteenth of October last.

On motion,

Resolved, That the several fines of five pounds each, imposed upon James Wilson, John Wilson and Robert Campbell, who were convicted of a riot at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held in the county of Northumberland, be and the same are hereby remitted.

A letter from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, of this day, nominating agreeably to act of Assembly of the eighth of April, 1785, John Canan, Esquire, to be Deputy Surveyor of Huntingdon county, Alexander McDowell, Deputy Surveyor of district No. 8, and Andrew Henderson, Deputy Surveyor of district number 4, of the Donation Lands, and William Maclay, Esquire, Deputy Surveyor of district No. 18, in the new purchase, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That Council concur with the said nomination, and that the following Gentlemen be accepted as sureties, vizt: David Stewart and Andrew Henderson, for John Canan, Esquire, Charles Smith and David Stewart, for Andrew Henderson, and John McDowell & John Wilkins, for Alexander McDowell.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 8th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice Presid't.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esq'rs.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Amos Gregg,	Henry Taylor,	
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
Jonas Hartzell,	James Martin,	
William Wilson,	William Findley, and	
John Wilkins,	Zebulun Potts,	

On motion,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the report of the Commissioners who were appointed to regulate the district of Southwark, be postponed untill Thursday next.

General John Gibson and John Neville, Esquire, were offered and excepted as sureties for Messieurs Presly, Neville and Matthew Richie, Deputy Surveyors, of part of Washington and Allegany counties.

A petition from Margaret Jefferies, now confined in the workhouse of this city, for larceny, praying remission of the fine, paya-

ble to the use of the State, and the punishment at hard labour to which she was sentenced for the said offence, was read, and Mr. Taylor member of Council, having informed the Board that the petitioner has agreed to enter into an indenture of service to him, and that he will send her to the county of Washington if Council are pleased to pardon her, thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Margaret Jefferies be and she is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 9th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Wilkins,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Amos Gregg,	Henry Taylor,	
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watt,	James Martin, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	William Finley,	
William Wilson,		

William Lochrey, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Westmoreland, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township of Unity.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred to consider of and report what fee might be proper for Council to allow Mr. Bradford and Mr Ingersol, attornies for the State in an action for depreciation, brought by the Chief Justice against the Commonwealth,

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be allowed to Jared Ingersol, Esquire, and the sum of thirty pounds to William Bradford, Jun'r, in full for their services on behalf of the Commonwealth in the above action, and including every expence attending the trial which is chargeable to the State.

A certificate of the division of the township of Cœcil, in the county of Washington, by the Court of Quarter Sessions, for the more convenient election of Justices of the Peace, which was read on the first day of September last, was this day read the second time, and an order taken that the said division, for the purpose aforesaid, be and the same is hereby confirmed, according to the bounds and limits following, that is to say: beginning at Chartier's

creek, at the junction or mouth of Brush run, and continuing up the same as high as to Matthew Johnston's, to include his farm in the upper division; thence, leaving James Read farm to the lower division, directly to include General Washington's and Henry Guy's land in the upper division, and immediately to intersect the outside line of the township.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 10th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
James Read,	Henry Taylor,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing, and	
John Wilkins,	William Findley,	
William Wilson,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Dennis Lindley, for seven thousand and fifty-four weight of flour issued by him from June the fourteenth untill the twenty-first of November, 1788, to the Washington county militia in actual service on the frontiers, by order of the Lieutenant of said county, amounting to forty-four pounds one shilling and nine pence, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer for this sum, payable out of the militia fines of Washington county.

Of Adam Miller, for one month's service as a spy, watching the motions of the Indians on the frontiers, in the year 1788, amounting to two pounds fifteen shillings, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer, as aforesaid.

Of Ensign Isaac Lindsley, for the pay of his company of Washington county militia for nine days' militia service on the frontiers in October, 1787, amounting to four pounds nine shillings, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer, payable as aforesaid.

Of George Tompoh, for his provisions while employed as a militia man on the frontiers of Washington county, and for a blanket, a pack saddle, and two bags, lost on the said expedition, under Colonel Crawford, in 1782, amounting to two pounds seven shillings and six pence.

Of John Hill, for a saddle, blanket, two bags, and a wallet, or knapsack, lost on the said expedition, amounting to four pounds two shillings and six pence.

Of Robert Taylor, for thirty days' provisions due him while employed on the said expedition, amounting to one pound two and six pence.

Of Richard Hopkins, for a horse lost on the said expedition, amounting to four pounds.

Of John Turvey, for thirty days' provisions due to him while employed on the said expedition, amounting to one pound two shillings and six pence.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Martin, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-six pounds fifteen shillings and six pence, amount of his account for attendance in Council from the twelfth of November untill the tenth of December, 1789, inclusively, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia.

A certificate of the division of Hopewell township, in the county of Washington, by the Court of Quarter Sessions, for the more convenient election of Justices of the Peace, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the thirty-first day of March, 1784, which was read on the first day of September last, was this day read the second time, and an order taken that the said division, for the purpose aforesaid, be and the same is hereby confirmed, according to the bounds and limits following, that is to say: beginning at a certain spring of the head waters of Cross creek, which rises about ten perches from the township of Straban, between the dwelling houses of James Anderson and Timothy Spencer; thence down the south branch thereof to Wells's mills; thence down the creek to the State line.

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the account of Matthew Irwin, Esquire, for inrolling the laws from November the thirteenth, 1788, untill the fifth of December, 1789, amounting to forty-three pounds sixteen shillings and five pence, was read, approved, and an order drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the said sum.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council went into the further consideration of the report of the Commissioners appointed to survey and regulate the district of Southwark and townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, when the said report, with the objections to the confirmation thereof from several landholders in the said district and townships, were read; and after some time spent in the business, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the further consideration thereof be postponed untill Thursday next, in order that a number of gentlemen now in Council, who are strangers to the subject, may get information.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 11th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Jonas Hartzell,	James Martin, and	
John Wilkins,	William Findley,	
William Wilson,		

A letter from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, of the tenth instant, nominating, agreeably to act of Assembly of the eighth of April, 1785, William Montgomery, Esquire, as Deputy Surveyor of the district described as follows, vizt: beginning at the nine mile —— tree from the town of Northumberland, standing on the bank of the north-east branch of Susquehanna; thence extending, by a direct line, to a corner white oak of Mary Collins's land, in the old line between the counties of Berks and Northumberland, and thence by a direct line to the mouth of Sugar creek, at the said north-east branch of Susquehanna, part in Luzerne and part in Northumberland counties, was received and read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this Board concur with the said nomination, and that John Mackey and John Montgomery be accepted as sureties for the said Deputy Surveyor.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 12th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Amos Gregg,	Richard Willing,	
Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Frederick Watt,	
John Wilkins,	Abraham Smith, and	
William Wilson,	William Findley,	
Henry Taylor,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Philip Gehr, for

the sum of forty-two pounds six shillings and three pence, payable out of the militia fines of the county of Berks, being the amount of his account for provisions supplied the militia of Berks county sent to Wyoming in October, 1787, to quell the disturbances at that place.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the accounts of Daniel Mickey, for the depreciation of his pay as late Lieutenant of the eighth Pennsylvania regiment, from the first of January, 1777, untill March, 1780, by which a ballance of one hundred and seventy-nine pounds four shillings and six pence specie, appears to be due to him, was read and approved, and a certificate directed to issue to him for the said sum.

Upon the second reading of the petition of John Lochart, for the right of preemption of a small island in the river Delaware, between Tinicum and Hogg Island, containing about ten or fifteen acres,

Resolved, That the request of the said John Lockart cannot be complied with.

Upon further consideration of the petition of Amos Foulke, one of the sureties of the late Rowland Evans, one of the Trustees of the Loan Office,

Resolved, That the same be referred to Mr. Vice President, Samuel Miles and Abraham Smith.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Gregg, Mr. Read and Mr. Edie, be a committee to examine and report what acts or resolves of the General Assembly in their last sessions require the immediate attention of Council; and that Mr. Hartzell, Mr. William Wilson, Mr. Breading, Mr. Smith and Mr. Taylor, be a committee to examine and report what laws will expire at or before the end of the next session of Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 14th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watt,	
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Taylor,	
James Martin,	Zebulun Potts,	
William Wilson, and	Jonas Hartzell, and	
John Wilkins,	William Findley,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Abraham Smith, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and

twenty-nine pounds, being the amount of his account for his attendance in Council from the sixth of July untill the fourteenth of December, 1789, inclusively, and mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

A letter from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, of this date, nominating agreeably to act of Assembly, dated the eighth of April, 1785, Mr. William Gray, as Deputy Surveyor of all that part of Northumberland county lying on the east side of the river Susquehanna, part whereof is now in the county of Luzerne.

And Mr. Thomas Brown McLene, as Deputy Surveyor of the district number two, in the new purchase, was received and read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this Board concur with the said nomination, and that John Boyd and Thomas Grant, Esquires, be accepted as sureties for the said William Gray.

Thomas Hinkson and William Vernon were offered and accepted as sureties for Jonathan Vernon, Coroner of the county of Delaware, agreeably to the thirteenth section of the act of Assembly, passed the twenty-sixth of September last, for erecting part of the county of Chester into a separate county.

Colonel Wilson requested Council to accept his resignation of the office of Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland; and Mr. Breading in like manner requested the Board to accept his resignation of the offices of Justice of the Peace and of the Common Pleas to which he has been elected and appointed in the county of Fayette; whereupon, it was

Resolved, To accept the said several resignations.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 15th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

Samuel Miles,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Taylor,	
James Martin,	Zebulun Potts, and	
William Wilson,	Jonas Hartzell,	
John Wilkins,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Amos Gregg, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-six pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the

first of July untill the fifteenth day of December, 1789, inclusively.

Upon the second reading of a memorial of John Lownes, Thomas Penrose, Miers Fisher, Richard Tittermary, Tenche Coxe and John Peltz, stating that they have been appointed by a number of the landholders in the district of Southwark, and townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, a committee to solicit the execution of an act of Assembly, passed the twenty-ninth of September, 1787, for regulating the said district and townships, and praying that they may be heard in answer to the objections of some persons who were lately heard by Council against the confirmation of the report of the Commissioners appointed by the said act,

Resolved, That the said memorialists be heard before Council on Tuesday next, at ten o'clock, agreeably to their request.

The petition of John Bowling now confined in the jail of this city for larceny, of which he was convicted upon four indictments, praying remission of the fine and punishment at hard labour to which he was sentenced by the city court in April, 1788, for the said offence, was read the second time, with several certificates signed by the Jailor and others, of his good behaviour before and since his conviction; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said John Bowling be and he is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 16th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Jonas Hartzel,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Christopher,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
James Martin,	Henry Taylor,	
William Wilson,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Wilkins,		

A certificate from Edward Burd, Esquire, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, that Stephen Shewell hath entered an appeal from the settlement of his accounts by the Comptroller General, and that he hath given to the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, one of the Judges of the said Court sufficient security to prosecute the

same with effect, agreably to the directions of an act of Assembly passed the eighteenth day of February, 1785, was received and read; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said appeal be allowed.

Upon further consideration of the case of John Logan (Bricklayer) now confined in the jail of this city and county of Philadelphia, for receiving stolen goods knowing them to be such,

Resolved, That the said John Logan be and he is hereby pardoned.

A petition from Catherine Kunius, praying remission of the fine of ten pounds, which has been imposed by the last Court of Quarter Sessions held in the county of Philadelphia, upon her being convicted of keeping a Tipling house, was read, and the petitioner having produced to Council a recommendation for a Licence from the said Court dated since her said conviction; it was

Resolved unanimously, To remit the said fine of ten pounds.

The fine of fifteen shillings, to which Mary Williams was sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia county for Larceny, was also remitted agreeably to the prayer of her petition, and a recommendation from the keeper of the Workhouse, it appearing that her time of servitude is expired.

Doctor Gregg informed the Board that a mistake had occurred in the account of his attendance in Council as settled yesterday, that the account being stated to be one hundred and twenty-six pounds instead of sixty-nine pounds fifteen shillings; whereupon,

Resolved, That the order of yesterday for one hundred and twenty-six pounds be cancelled, and that a new one be issued for the said sum of sixty-nine pounds fifteen shillings for his attendance in Council from the fifteenth of September till the sixteenth of December, 1789, both days included.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 17, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins,	
Richard Willing,	William Wilson, and	
Zebulun Potts,	William Findley,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Robert Walker, junior, of Washington county, for provisions furnished by him for the Sandusky expedition under Colonel Crawford, in the year, 1782, amounting to one pound two shillings and six pence.

Of Captain John Read for the pay of his company of Washington county militia in actual service against the Indians, by order of the Lieutenant of the said county, from the twenty-fourth of September to the twenty-ninth of October, 1788, amounting forty-six pounds seven shillings, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Captain Read, payable out of the militia fines of the said county.

Of Lieutenant Alexander Kidd for the pay of his company of the said militia in actual service as aforesaid, from the twenty-second of October to the twenty-fourth of November, 1788, amounting to forty pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Alexander Kidd, payable out of the said fines.

And an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederich Sneider for the sum of two pounds six shillings and six pence, being a ballance due upon his account of firewood, &c., purchased for the use of Council, amounting to twenty-seven pounds sixteen shillings and six pence.

Council resumed the consideration of the letter from the commissioners of the county of Berks, requesting "that Henry Reichart a convict in the jail of that county may be removed to the jail of the county of Philadelphia, agreeably to the twenty-third section of the act of Assembly passed the fifteenth of September, 1786, entitled 'An Act for amending the penal Laws of this State;'" and thereupon it was moved and seconded that the said Henry Reichart be removed agreeably to the said request. And on Question to agree to the said motion, Council were equally divided. So the question was lost.

On motion,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the report of the Commissioners appointed by act of Assembly dated the twenty-ninth of September, 1789, to survey and regulate the district of Southwark and townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, be postponed until Tuesday next at ten o'clock.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 18th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
James Read,	Jonas Hertzell,	
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie,	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Henry Taylor,	
James Martin,	Abraham Smith, and	
John Wilkins,	William Findley,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Donaldson, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as Register General of the accounts of this State, ending the twenty-eighth of this month, according to the Act of Assembly dated the twenty-eighth of March last.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of John Patton, auctioneer for the city of Philadelphia, for the State duty upon goods sold at auction from the fourteenth day of August, 1788, untill the fourteenth day of August, 1789, amounting to one thousand and sixty pounds seven shillings and three pence.

Of Adam Hubley, auctioneer for the district of Southwark, for the State duty upon goods sold at auction in the said district from the third day of September, untill the tenth day of December, 1789, amounting to seventy-one pounds one shilling and two pence.

Of William Montgomery, Esquire, for supplies furnished to the troops employed on an expedition to the Janisee country, against the Indians in the year 1782, and for his services therein, amounting to seven hundred and thirty-nine pounds sixteen shillings.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 19th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	Esquires.
James Read,	Richard Willing,	
Amos Gregg,	John Wilkins,	
Jonas Hartzell,	William Wilson,	
Christopher Kucher,	Abraham Smith,	
Frederick Watt,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Samuel Edie,	James Martin, and	
Zebulun Potts,	William Findley,	

Upon the second reading of a letter from the Comptroller General of the seventeenth instant, relative to the mode of settling his accounts by the Register General,

Resolved, That the Register General be and he is hereby instructed to inspect and examine such parts of the transactions and accounts of the Comptroller General's as relates to his receipts of certificates from the Receiver General of the Land office, and to ascertain and make report to Council of the amount of the several kinds of certificates so received to the twenty-eighth day of March last, together with the aggregate of interest on the several kinds of certificates received as aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Decem'r 21st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watt,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
William Wilson,	Henry Taylor, and	
John Wilkins,	William Findley,	

The following recommendation was agreed to be given to the Treasurer of the State in conformity with a request contained in

his letter of the nineteenth instant, relative to certain difficulties he had experienced in the execution of his duty as Treasurer:

In Council, Philadelphia, Monday, Decem'r 21st, 1789.

SIR:—In consequence of your letter of the nineteenth instant, stating that many difficulties have occurred in your department of State Treasurer, and requesting the instructions of Council thereon, Council recommend to you—

1st. To prevent as much as may be in your power all officers of the State Revenue from receiving in their respective offices in payment of customs, taxes, excise or other public dues, any warrant, order or receipt, whether such warrant or order hath been originally drawn upon you as State Treasurer, or upon your predecessor in office.

2nd. To make no indorsement of interest upon any State or other public certificate, warrant or order, nor to give any receipt for the same unless the interest shall have been paid thereon by yourself or by your direction.

3rd. In the payment of interest due on public securities you will no doubt observe the strictest impartiality, and of consequence will not in any instance allow persons who may be indebted to the State to discharge such debts by means of interest due on certificates of the State in their possession, so as to give them a preference in the payment of their interest.

I am, Sir, your most obedient and most humble servant,

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

CHRISTIAN FEBIGER, Esquire,
State Treasurer.

Upon application of Bernard Hubley, junior, and a recommendation from John Boyd, Esquire, of Northumberland county; it was

Resolved, To appoint and commissionate the said Bernard Hubley, jun'r, Lieutenant of the said county of Northumberland, in the room of Colonel William Wilson, resigned, and a commission was issued accordingly.

Upon the second reading of a letter from the Secretary of the Land office, relative to an application from Jonas Hartzell, Esquire, for a warrant to survey ninety acres of land for his use, situate within the tract commonly known by the name of the Dry Land in the fork of Delaware river, and county of Northampton.

Resolved, That the same be referred to Mr. Gregg, Mr. Edie and Mr. Smith, to report thereon.

Upon the second reading of the return of an election of Justices of the Peace held in the township of Finley, in the county of Washington, on the twenty-eighth of July last, with a petition against it,

Resolved, That William Smith, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace, and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the said county of Washington, he having a majority of votes.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 22nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Wilkins,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watt,	
Samuel Edie,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Zebulun Potts, and	
William Wilson,	Henry Taylor,	

Upon the second reading of the petitions and recommendations for the pardon of William Goggan and Daniel Morrison, who were convicted at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held at Philadelphia on the sixteenth of July last, of harbouring persons who had been convicted of capital offences, and receiving from them stolen goods, knowing them to be such; it was

Resolved, That the said William Goggan and Daniel Morrison be and they are hereby pardoned.

Agreeably to the minute of the fifteenth instant, Miers Fisher, Tench Cox and others, attended and were heard before Council, in support of their petition for the confirmation of the report of the Commissioners appointed to survey and regulate the district of Southwark and townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the twenty ninth of September, 1787. Several of the land holders in the townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, who object to the said confirmation, were also heard.

The further consideration of the said report was then postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 23rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Wilkins, and	Esquires.
James Read,	James Martin,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Samuel Edie,	Henry Taylor, and	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
Jonas Hartzell,		

Benjamin Burd and Cornelius Devoir, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace and of the Common Pleas in and for the county of Bedford, upon returns made according to law from the districts of Dublin and Londenderry townships, in the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 24th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
James Read,	James Martin,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Taylor,	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	Jonas Hartzell,	
John Wilkins,		

On motion,

Resolved, That Colonel Miles, Colonel Smith and Doctor Gregg, be appointed a committee to enquire what forwardness the accounts are in which were directed to be prepared by the Comptroller General, in order to be sent to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States; and that the said committee report such assistance as they may think proper to be given to the Comptroller, to expedite the business.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 29th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell,	
William Wilson,	James Martin, and	
John Wilkins,	William Finley,	
Frederick Watt,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Chief Justice of the State, ending the twenty-fifth of this month.

In favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, ending the twenty-fifth of this month.

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Edie, Esquire, for twenty-seven pounds, in full of his account for attendance as Councillor, from the twenty-sixth of November till the thirty-first of December, 1789, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable William Wilson, Esquire, for seventy pounds five shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the twenty-third of October, 1789, untill the third of January, 1790, inclusively, and his mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, Esquire, for twenty-six pounds five shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the twenty-fifth of November untill the twenty-ninth of December, 1789, inclusively.

In favor of James Hockley, for the sum of forty-nine pounds, payable out of the sum of five thousand pounds specially appropriated by law for the payment of claims, as soon as that fund shall be sufficiently productive, agreeably to a resolution of the General Assembly passed on the eighth day of this month, being in full of his claim against this Commonwealth as a Commissioner for clearing the river Schuylkill.

Colonel Miles, who was on the bench in the last Mayor's Court during the trial of a certain Abraham Branson for an assault, of which he was convicted, having recommended the prisoner to Council as a proper object of mercy, it was resolved to remit the fine of twenty shillings, which was imposed upon him for that offence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 30th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell,	
William Wilson,	Abraham Smith,	
John Wilkins,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watt,	William Finley,	

Benjamin Elliott, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Huntingdon, appeared, and being qualified as the Constitution of this State and the act of Congress of the first of June last directs, was admitted to his seat at this Board.

A letter from John Donaldson, Esquire, Register General, stating that the Comptroller General hath exchanged some certificates without consulting him according to law, was read, and referred to Mr. Miles, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Breading.

A petition from Francis Clow, who hath been convicted of larceny in stealing the property of Aaron Oakford, in the county of Chester, and sentenced to pay a fine of seven pounds to the Commonwealth, restore the goods stolen, and to undergo a servitude at hard labour for two years, stating that he is afflicted with the dropsey, so as to be totally unable to perform the service required of him by law, and therefore praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon of the said offence, was read, witha certificate from the physician of the jail of said county that the prisoner is in a very weak state of health, and he being recommended by the person injured, and by many other respectable inhabitants of the said county; it was thereupon

Resolved, That the said Francis Clow, be and he is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 31st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Benjamin Elliott,	
William Wilson,	James Martin,	
John Wilkins,	William Findley,	
Abraham Smith,		

Henry Hale Graham, Esquire, was unanimously appointed a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Delaware, upon a return made according to law, from the district of the borough of Chester.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for twenty-four pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council, from the twenty-eighth of November to the thirty-first of December, 1789, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Jonas Hartzell, Esquire, for forty-eight pounds fifteen shillings, in full for sixty-one days' attendance in Council, between the nineteenth day of October and thirty-first day of December, 1789, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Miles, Esquire, for forty-two pounds, in full for his attendance in Council, from the sixth of November untill the thirty-first of December, 1789, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, in full for one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, due on the twenty-fifth instant, according to the Comptroller and Register General's report.

Mr. Jonas Hartzell was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the ensuing month.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 2nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
William Wilson,	Samuel Edie,	
John Wilkins,	Benjamin Elliott,	
James Read,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	Amos Gregg,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

The Honorable Christopher Kucher and William Wilson, Esquires, members of Council, were accepted as sureties for William M'Clay, Esquire, who was on the seventh of last month appointed, agreeably to act of Assembly of the eighth of April, 1785, a Deputy Surveyor of district number eighteen in the new purchase.

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, in full of his account for one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the twenty-fifth of last month.

In favor of the Honorable William Maclay, Esquire, for thirty-three pounds five shillings, in full of his account for the surveying fees of ten tracts of land of five hundred acres each, granted by act of Assembly dated the fourteenth of February, 1789, to the corporation of the Ministers, Vestry men and Church Wardens of the German Lutheran congregation, in and near the city of Philadelphia.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from the Secretary of the Land office of the day of December last, was read the second time and adopted, as follows, vizt:

The committee to whom was referred the letter from David Kennedy, Esquire, respecting an application by Jonas Hartzell, Esquire, for a warrant to survey ninety acres of land for his use, within the tract commonly known by the name of the Drylands, beg leave to report:

That it appears to your committee to be business particularly belonging to the Land office, and that any direction from Council would in their opinion be improper.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 4th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
William Wilson,	James Read,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	Amos Gregg,	
Richard Willing,	John Wilkins,	
Benjamin Elliott,	Samuel Miles,	
James Martin,		

A letter from Alexander Hamilton, Esquire, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, of the thirty-first of December last, on the subject of the public securities and indents due to the public creditors of this State, and acknowledging the receipt of the President's letter of the twenty-eighth ult., was received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 5th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Nathaniel Breading,	Amos Gregg,	
Samuel Edie,	John Wilkins,	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts,	
Richard Willing,	James Read, and	
Benjamin Elliott,	William Finley,	
James Martin,		

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Charles Biddle, Esquire, for fees received in the Secretary's office, from the twenty-fourth of July untill the twenty-third of October, 1789, amounting one hundred and ninety-six pounds seven shillings.

Of William Gregory, for his pay as an eighteen months' man in the late army of the United States, amounting to forty-five pounds.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Wilkins, Esquire, for fifty-two pounds, in full for attendance in Council from November the twentieth, 1789, untill the sixth of January, 1790, inclusively, and his mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favor of Francis Bailey, for fifteen pounds nine shillings and four pence, amount of his account for publishing in the Freeman's Journal the tax lists of the counties of Huntingdon, Franklin and Northampton, and for several continuations thereof, from August to October, 1789, according to the Comptroller General and Register General's report.

Council resumed the consideration of the report of the Commissioners appointed by act of Assembly of the twenty-ninth of September, 1787, to regulate the district of Southwark and townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, as follows, vizt:

To the Honorable the President and Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We, the Commissioners appointed by an act of Assembly passed the twenty-ninth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, intituled An act to appoint Commissioners to regulate the streets, lanes and alleys in the district of Southwark, and to lay out new streets, lanes and alleys therein, for the accommodation of the inhabitants, and to lay out the roads therein mentioned, through the said district, and parts of the townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, most respectfully certify and return:—

That having first taken the oath and affirmation required by the act of Assembly, we have caused to be made a survey of all the streets, lanes and alleys of the said district, and several of the roads in the townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, and have carefully viewed and considered the grounds through which they severally pass, in order to comply with the directions of the said act, and to accommodate as nearly as possible the convenience of the several owners of ground through which the new streets and roads were to be laid out, and after mature deliberation thereon, we unanimously report and return the following streets and roads, agreeably to two plans herewith returned and presented, and by us signed, wherein all the old streets, lanes, alleys and roads are coloured with light brown, and the new streets, alleys and roads hereafter described, are coloured with green. Those streets and ways which are coloured with yellow are only intended to shew the direction of the several streets which may hereafter be laid out, and may prove a convenience in the improvement and division of estates in those parts of the district, and prevent future irregularity in building.

No. 1. Wharf street:—A street laid out in order to form a communication from wharf to wharf, between the stores and buildings

now erected and hereafter to be erected by the owners of the water lots in the said district, and the heads of the docks hereafter to be formed, for the accommodations of ships, &ca.; beginning for the eastwardly side of the said Wharf street, at the distance of one hundred and sixty feet from the intersection which is made by the east side of Water street and south side of South street, (the said South street being the boundary between the city of Philadelphia and the district of Southwark,) and thence the east side of said Wharf street extends south five degrees west untill it crosses the south line of a street hereinafter mentioned and laid out, by the name of Federal street; thence continuing the same course for the eastwardly side of said Wharf street eighty-nine feet; thence south twenty-one degrees and a half east to the south-eastwardly boundary of the said district; the said eastwardly line of the said Wharf street being at the distance of one hundred and four feet from the line laid out by the Wardens of the port of Philadelphia, for the utmost limit or extent of the piers or wharves projecting into the river Delaware; the said Wharf street to be and extend of the breadth of thirty-three feet, the whole length of the said street except that part which crosses and immediately joins Federal street on the south side thereof, which part is as follows on said Federal street:—Beginning at the distance of thirty-three feet from the east side of said Wharf street, and continues a course south five degrees west sixty-nine feet, until it intersects the continuation of a line to be drawn north twenty-one and a half degrees west from the westerly side of said Wharf street.

No. 2. Meadow street:—Beginning on the north side of a street hereinafter mentioned, by the name of Reed street, at the distance of three hundred and thirty feet eastwardly from Swanson street and extending north fourteen degrees east, fifty feet wide, until it intersects the westward line of Wharf street, gradually narrowing as the western line of said Meadow street approaches the angle of Wharf street.

No. 3. Swanson street:—A continuation of old Swanson street, heretofore laid out, beginning for the west side thereof on the south side of Christian street, at the distance of two hundred and seventy feet eastward of the east side of Church alley, hereafter described by the name of Church street, and extends south nine degrees and a half west to Federal street; thence crossing said Federal street, extends south fourteen degrees west to the street hereinafter laid out by the name of Reed street, which said continuation of Swanson street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet, except where some part thereof comprehends part of the burial ground and premises belonging to the corporation of the Sweedish church of Wiccacoe, and is coloured yellow in the plan, and also excepting the ground late belonging to the estate of Samuel Morris, Esquire, and now occupied as a rope-walk.

No. 4. Church street:—A continuation of Church alley, (heretofore laid out,) beginning on the south side of Christian street and eastwardly side of said Church alley, being two hundred and seventy-six feet westward from Swanson street, and extending south fourteen degrees west to a street hereinafter laid out by the name of Read street, which said Church street is every where to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet, except that part which was heretofore laid out for Church alley, and also excepting the ground late belonging to the estate of Samuel Morris, Esquire, and now occupied as a rope-walk

No. 5. Front street:—A continuation of old Front street, heretofore laid out, beginning on the south side of Greenwich street in the said district, and extends in a direct line with the said old Front street south fourteen degrees west until it intersects Keeler's lane, which said continuation of Front street is to be and extended of the breadth of sixty feet during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 6, Second street:—A continuation of old Second street heretofore laid out, beginning at the distance of two hundred and eight feet from the south side of Christian street, and in a direct line with said old Second street, extending south fifteen degrees west, untill it intersects Greenwich street; which said continuation of Second street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 7, Third street:—A continuation of old Third street heretofore laid out, beginning on the south side of Catherine street, and in a direct line with said old Third street, and extending south fourteen degrees west, untill it intersects Moyamensing road; which said continuation of third street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet, during all the distance aforesaid, except where the intersections of the road interfere with it and form a part thereof.

No. 8, Fourth street:—A continuation of Fourth street of the city of Philadelphia, beginning on the south side of South street, and in a direct line with the said Fourth street, and extending south fourteen degrees west, untill it intersects Johnson's lane; which said continuation of Fourth street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 9, Crab street:—A continuation of old Crab street heretofore laid out, beginning at the south end of the said old Crab street, and extending in a direct line therewith south fourteen degrees west, untill it intersects a street hereinafter mentioned by the name of Plumb street; which said continuation of Crab street is to be and extended of the breadth of thirty-three feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 10, Fifth street:—A continuation of the line of Fifth street of the city of Philadelphia, beginning on the south-eastwardly side of Passyunk road, and extending in a direct line with the said Fifth street south fourteen degrees west, untill it intersects Johnson's lane; which said continuation of Fifth street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 11, Sixth street:—A continuation of the line of Sixth street of the city of Philadelphia, beginning on the south-eastwardly side of Passyunk road, and extending in a direct line with the said Sixth street south fourteen degrees west, untill it intersects Wharton street; which said continuation of Sixth street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 12, Seventh street:—A continuation of the line of Seventh street of the city of Philadelphia, beginning on the south-eastwardly side of Passyunk road, and extending in a direct line with the said Seventh street south fourteen degrees west, until it intersects Wharton street; which said continuation of Seventh street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 13, Eighth street:—A continuation of the line of Eighth street of the city of Philadelphia, beginning on the south-eastwardly side of Passyunk road, and extending in a direct line with said Eighth street south fourteen degrees west, untill it intersects Wharton street; which said continuation of Eighth street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 14, Shippen street:—A continuation of old Shippen street heretofore laid out, beginning on the west side of Fourth street, and extending in a direct line with the said Shippen street north seventy-six degrees west, until it intersects Passyunk road; which said continuation of Shippen street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 15, Plumb street:—A continuation of old Plumb street heretofore laid out, beginning at the west end of said Plumb street, and extending in a direct line therewith north seventy-three degrees west, until it intersects the line of Fifth street herein before continued; which continuation of Plumb street is to be and extended of the breadth of forty-seven feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 16, A. Street, or Landing:—Beginning for the south side thereof at the distance of two hundred and seventy-eight feet six inches, to the northward of Catherine street on Swanson street, and extending south eighty-one degrees east into the river Delaware, untill it intersects the line as fixed by the Port Wardens; which said street or landing is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 17, German street, nearly in a line with old German street heretofore laid out, beginning on the east side of Front street at the distance of three hundred and thirty-eight feet from the north side of Catherine street, being the south side of said German street, and extending south seventy-six degrees east, until it intersects Swanson street; which said continuation of German street is to be and extended of the breadth of forty feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 18, Mead alley. An old alley now widened, and partly opposite old German street, beginning for the south side of said alley on the west side of Front street three hundred and thirty-eight feet from the north side of Catherine street, extending to and intersecting Second street at the distance of three hundred and thirty feet from said Catherine street, the said Mead alley being extended to the breadth of thirty feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 19, German street:—A continuation of old German street, beginning at the west end of said street, and extending in a direct line therewith north seventy-three degrees west, untill it intersects Passyunk road; which said continuation of German street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 20, Queen street:—A continuation of old Queen street heretofore laid out, beginning at the west end of said street, and extending in a direct line therewith north seventy-three degrees west, untill it intersects the line of Sixth street continued; which said continuation of Queen street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 21, Carpenter's street, continued:—Beginning for the south side thereof forty-seven feet from the south end of old Church alley and on the west side thereof, and extending north seventy-six degrees west, untill it intersects Third street; which said continuation af Carpenter's street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet, during all the distance aforesaid.

No 22, Washington street:—A new street, beginning for the north side thereof on the west side of Swanson street continued, at the distance of five hundred and eighty-four feet from the south side of Christian street, and extending north seventy-six degrees west untill it intersects Passyunk road; which said Washington street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 23, Federal street:—A new street, beginning for the north side thereof on the west side of Swanson street continued, at the distance of three hundred and twenty-six feet from the south side of Washington street, and extends north seventy-six degrees west untill it intersects Passyunk road; which said Federal street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 24, Continuation of Federal street:—Beginning for the south side of said continuation of Federal street at the distance of twenty-five feet south of the southern line of Federal street, and on the east side of Swanson street, and extending into the river Delaware south seventy-six degrees east until it intersects the boundary line as fixed by the Port Wardens; which said continuation of Federal street is to be and extended of the breadth of one hundred feet during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 25, Wharton street:—A new street, beginning for the north side thereof on the west side of Swanson street, at the distance of four hundred feet from the south side of Federal street, and extending north seventy-six degrees west untill it intersects Passyunk road; which said Wharton street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 26, Continuation of Wharton street:—Beginning on the east side of Swanson street, and in a direct line of said Wharton street, and extending into the river Delaware south seventy-six degrees east untill it intersects the boundary line as fixed by the Port Wardens; which said continuation of Wharton street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 27, Reed street:—A new street, beginning for the north side thereof on the east side of Third street, and at the distance of four hundred feet from the south side of Wharton street, and extending into the river Delaware south seventy-six degrees east untill it intersects the boundary line as fixed by the Port Wardens; which said Reed street is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet during all the distance aforesaid.

Agreeably to the directions contained in the act of Assembly, we also return the following roads:

No 28, A road leading from the district of Southwark to Gray's Ferry on the river Schuylkill, beginning on the westerly side of the Passyunk road, opposite to the west end of Federal street, and extends north seventy-four degrees west six thousand four hundred and five feet, thence north seventy-six degrees west six thousand one hundred and three feet to low water mark on the river Schuylkill; which said road is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet during all the distance aforesaid.

No. 29, A road leading from the district of Southwark to State Island Ferry on the river Schuylkill, beginning for the easterly side of said road at the south boundary of said district, and at the south-westerly corner of Keeler's lane, on the old Moyamensing road, thence south twenty-four degrees west five hundred and thirty-five feet, thence south forty-six degrees west nine hundred and twenty-six feet, thence south eighty degrees and a quarter west two thousand two hundred feet, thence south seventy-five degrees and a half west thirteen hundred feet, thence south sixty-seven degrees west three thousand one hundred and seventy-four feet, thence south fifty-five degrees and a half west five hundred and sixty-seven feet, thence south sixty-five degrees west four hundred and fifty feet, thence south eighty-seven degrees and a half west twelve hundred and ninety feet, thence south thirty-four degrees west nine hundred and fifty feet, thence south forty-five degrees and a half west one thousand seven hundred and fourteen feet, thence south sixty-three degrees and a quarter west two thousand nine hundred feet, thence south sixty-nine degrees and a quarter west one thousand four hundred and seventy-five feet, thence south

thirty-three degrees west one thousand nine hundred and nineteen feet to low water mark on the river Schuylkill; which said road is to be and extended of the breadth of fifty feet during all the distance aforesaid.

FRANCIS GURNEY,
RICHARD WELLS,
PRESLEY BLAKISTON,
THOMAS SHIELDS,
GUNNING BEDFORD,
} Commissioners.

No. 17, Mary street:—A continuation of old Mary street, heretofore laid out, beginning at the westerly end of said street, and extending in a direct line therewith north sixty-six degrees and a half west, untill it intersects the line of Second street continued.

FRANCIS GURNEY,
RICHARD WELLS,
PRESLEY BLAKISTON,
GUNNING BEDFORD.

And on motion made by Colonel Miles, seconded by Dr. Gregg, it was

Resolved, That the report of the said Commissioners be and the same is hereby confirmed, except so much thereof as relates to Mead alley, marked therein number eighteen.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Andrew Garden, for his services as Drum and Fife Major to Colonel Bartholomew's battalion of Chester county militia, in the years 1785, 1786, 1787, 1788 and 1789, amounting to three pounds seven shillings and six pence, was read and approved, and an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the said sum, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, January 6th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,
Amos Gregg,
Richard Willing,
Christopher Kucher,
James Martin,
John Wilkins,
Benjamin Elliott,
Frederick Watt,
Zebulun Potts,
Nathaniel Breading, and
William Findley,
} Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer:

In favor of the Honorable Richard Willing, Esquire, for ninety-three pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for one hundred

and twenty-four days attendance in Council, between the twenty-ninth of July, 1789, and the sixth of January, 1790, inclusively.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds ten shillings and eleven pence, being the amount of his account for his wages as Doorkeeper to Council, from the first untill the thirty-first of December, 1789, inclusively, and cash paid for carrying firewood.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 7th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Benjamin Elliott,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Amos Gregg,	Richard Willing, and	
James Martin,	William Findley,	
John Wilkins,		

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of John Donaldson, Esquire, for one quarter's salary due to him as Register General of the accounts of this State, on the twenty-ninth of December last, for which an order issued on the eighteenth, was read and approved.

Upon the second reading of a letter from Robert Galbraith, Esquire, on the subject of opening the road leading from the Frankstown branch of Juniata, in Huntingdon county, to Conemaugh, in the county of Westmoreland. agreeably to his contract with the State, dated the twenty-fifth day of September, 1788,

Resolved, That the said letter and the inclosures be referred to Mr. Elliott, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Kucher.

The committee appointed to enquire of the Comptroller General what forwardness the accounts are in which were directed to be prepared, in order to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, delivered in a report, which was read; and on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time and adopted, as follows, vizt.:

That having made the enquiry, agreeably to the direction of Council, the Comptroller General informed them that the abstract required by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, would be ready within a few days.

Your committee took the liberty of enquiring into the situation of the general accounts of the State against the United States,

which they think very material to have forwarded for final settlement as soon as possible, and find that it will require considerable time and labour to compleat those accounts.

They are further of opinion, that the Comptroller General's time is necessarily so much taken up in exchangeing certificates and other matters which it is absolutely requisite for him to attend to, that it will not be in his power, without further assistants, to render those accounts in any reasonable time.

But he assured your committee that, with the assistance of two additional clerks, those accounts might be ready some time in April next. Your committee therefore offer the following resolution for the consideration of Council:

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to employ two additional clerks, if he shall find it necessary, for the express purpose of assisting him in compleating and bringing forward the general accounts of this State against the United States.

A certificate from the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Dauphine, that they have erected the township of Middle Paxton into a separate district, for the election of Justices of the Peace; that it hath become proper, and will be usefull, and requesting Council to approve and confirm the same, was read the second time; and thereupon, it was

Resolved, That the proceedings of the said court in erecting the said township into a separate district, for the purpose before mentioned, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, for two hundred and eight pounds six shillings and eight pence, being ten months' salary as Attorney General of the State, ending the first of January, 1790.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of William Shannon, Esquire, Auctioneer of the Northern Liberties, for the State duty upon goods sold at auction between the first of July and twenty-fifth of September, 1789, amounting to sixty-five pounds six shillings and nine pence, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 8th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Benjamin Elliott,	Esquires.
James Read,	Richard Willing,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watt,	
Jonas Hartzell,	James Martin,	
Zebulun Potts,		

A letter from the Surveyor General, of the seventh instant, nominating, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the eighth of April, 1785, Mr. Frederick Evans, a Deputy Surveyor of all that remaining part of the district granted to William Maclay the twenty-fourth of September, 1764, situate in the county of Northumberland, bounded southwardly by Cumberland line, eastwardly by the river Susquehanna, northwardly by the line of the Indian purchase of the year 1754, and westwardly by the Bedford county line, was received and read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Board concur with the said nomination, and that Caleb North and Thomas North be accepted as his sureties.

Upon application of John Hewson, requesting Council to grant him an order for the further sum of fifty pounds, being the fourth and last installment of two hundred pounds, allowed by act of Assembly passed the twenty-seventh of March last, to assist him in carrying on his business of calico printing and bleaching in this State,

Resolved, That an order issue in favor of the said John Hewson for the said sum of fifty pounds, and that Peter Smallwood be accepted as surety for the faithfull application and repayment of the said sum, according to the true intent and meaning of the said act of Assembly.

Upon the petition of Ann Cusick, and a recommendation from several of the Justices of the Peace of the county of Northampton, for remission of the fine and punishment at hard labour to which she was sentenced in the said county, for larceny, it was

Resolved, That the said Ann Cusick be and she is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 9th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Henry Taylor,	Richard Willing,	
James Martin,	Amos Gregg, and	
Nathaniel Breading,	William Findley,	
Jonas Hartzell,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 11th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Benjamin Elliott,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Richard Willing,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watt,	
Henry Taylor,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Nathaniel Breading,	William Findley,	
James Martin,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Philip Gartner, for a gun taken from him for public service, in the year 1776, amounting to three pounds.

Of Jacob Weltzhoover, for a gun taken from him at the same time, amounting to three pounds seven shillings and six pence.

James Bell, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Common Pleas in and for the county of Washington, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township of Morgan, in said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 12th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Benjamin Elliott,	Esq'rs.
Amos Gregg,	Richard Willing,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watt,	
Henry Taylor,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Nathaniel Breading,	William Findley,	
James Martin,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to his clerk on the tenth instant, according to the Comptroller General's report and an act of the General Assembly dated the fourth day of April, 1785.

Agreeably to a report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from Robert Galbraith, Esquire, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the sum of one hundred pounds, being part of three hundred and ninety-three pounds which Council, on the twenty-fifth of September, 1788, agreed to allow him for clearing and making a good road from the Frankstown branch of Juniata, in Huntingdon county, to the mouth of Loyalhanning creek, in the county Westmoreland, according to contract made pursuant to an act of the General Assembly passed the twenty-ninth of March, 1788.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, January 13th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
James Read,	William Finley,	
Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	
Amos Gregg,	Richard Willing,	
Henry Taylor,	Benjamin Elliott, and	
Nathaniel Breading,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Zebulun Potts,		

A letter from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, of the twelfth instant, nominating agreeably to act of Assembly of

the eighth of April, 1785, Alexander McClean, a Deputy Surveyor of Rostraver township, partly in Westmoreland and partly in Allegany counties, the whole county of Fayette, and Turkeyfoot, Milford, and that part of Quemahoning township lying southward of the great road leading to Fort Pitt, in the county of Bedford, was received and read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this Board concur with the said nomination, and that Henry Beeson and Joseph Terrence be accepted as sureties for the said Deputy Surveyor.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of His Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, for three hundred and seventy-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as President of the State, for which sum he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 14th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
James Read,	Richard Willing,	
Christopher Kucher,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Amos Gregg,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Henry Taylor,	William Finley, and	
Nathaniel Breading,	Frederick Watt,	
Zebulun Potts,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Nicholas Becker, for a gun lost in public service at Fort Washington in the year 1776, valued at two pounds fifteen shillings, was read and approved.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the thirteenth instant, as Comptroller General of the accounts of this State, according to act of Assembly, dated the fourth day of April, 1785.

In favor of Daniel Humphreys, for six pounds seven shillings and six pence, in full of his account for six setts of the Pennsylvania Mercury, furnished for the use of Council from the first of January, 1789, to the first of January, 1790, according to the Comptroller and Register General's reports.

The further consideration of the Surveyor General's letter, relative to the appointment of Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Potter, as Deputy Surveyors, was postponed untill to-morrow.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 15th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
James Read,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Amos Gregg,	Henry Taylor,	
Henry Taylor,	William Findley,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Frederick Watt, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Richard Willing,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Nathaniel Breading, Esquire, for fifty one pounds six shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the nineteenth of November, 1789, untill the fifteenth day of January, 1790, inclusively, and his mileage coming to Philadelphia.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Surveyor General be informed that Council will not proceed to the approbation of a Deputy Surveyor of the district number six, become vacant by the death of General Potter, untill he shall submit an appointment to this Board and not by way of recommendation.

A letter from General Josiah Harmer, inclosing three drafts on the Treasurer of Westmoreland county, and the counties of Washington and Fayette, which have not and cannot be paid, was read and referred to Mr. Gregg, Mr. Potts and Mr. Taylor.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 16th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Amos Gregg,	Esq'rs.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Henry Taylor,	William Findley,	
Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Benjamin Elliott,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watt,		

Upon the petition of Jonathan Brown, of Bucks county, and a recommendation from several respectable inhabitants of the said

county, for remission of a fine of five pounds which was imposed upon him for an assault and battery upon a certain Jonathan Wells, in December, 1787,

Resolved, That the said fine of five pounds be remitted.

Agreeably to a report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from Evan Owen, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the sum of thirty pounds, payable out of the fund appropriated by act of Assembly, dated the twenty-seventh of March last, to be applied in compleating that part of the Nescopeck road which crosses the Spring Mountain, and for which he is to account.

A petition from Elizabeth Robinson, who was convicted at the last Mayor's Court of larceny, and is now confined in the jail of this city at hard labour, stating that this is the first offence, and praying that Council would be pleased to grant her a pardon, was read, together with a recommendation of her as a proper object of mercy; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the said Elizabeth Robinson be and she is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 18th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Amos Gregg,	Henry Taylor,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Findley,	
Samuel Breading,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Benjamin Elliott,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watt,		

A certificate from the Court of Quarter Sessions of Washington county, of the division of Bethlehem township, in the said county, by a straight line run from Peter Drake's to Weise's Mill, for the more convenient election of Justices of the Peace, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the thirty-first of March, 1784, was read the second time, by which it appears that the said division has become proper and will be usefull; it was thereupon

Resolved, That the same be confirmed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 19th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	William Finley,	
Amos Gregg,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Taylor,	
Nathaniel Breading,	James Martin, and	
Benjamin Elliott,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watt,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Samuel Boyd, for fifty-two pounds, payable out of the funds appropriated by act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth of September last, being the amount of his pay as a commissioner appointed by Council on the sixth of October last to view the river Susquehanna and Juniata, agreeably to the directions of the said act of Assembly.

Two orders in favor of Bartram Galbraith, one of fifty-two pounds, and the other for fifty pounds, payable out of the fund before mentioned, being in part of his own pay and the pay of Thomas Hulings, as commissioners for viewing the said rivers under the appointment aforesaid, for which two several sums the said Mr. Galbraith is to account.

Upon the second reading of the petition of Nicholas Billew, praying remission of a fine of five pounds imposed upon him by the Alderman's Court, for driving a team with four horses through the city, contrary to law,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Upon the petition of John Williams, now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, for larceny, and a certificate from the jailor that the time of servitude to which he was sentenced for the said offence, is expired,

Resolved, That the fine of fifteen shillings for which the prisoner now remains in confinement, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 20th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	William Findley,	Esq'rs.
James Read,	James Martin,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Frederick Watt, and	
Henry Taylor,	Benjamin Elliott,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of William Armstrong, Esquire, late Deputy Adjutant General of the militia of this State for retained rations in the year 1777 and 1778, amounting to thirteen pounds, was read and approved.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as Vice President of the State, for which sum he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 21st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watt,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Benjamin Elliott, and	
William Finley,	Henry Taylor,	

James McLene and George Matthews, Esquires, were offered and accepted as sureties for Thomas Brown McLene, who was appointed on the fourteenth day of December last a Deputy Surveyor of district number two in the new purchase.

A letter from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, of the twentieth instant, informing Council that he hath appointed Mr. James Potter Deputy Surveyor of district number six in the

new purchase become vacant by the death of his father, and submitting the said appointment for the approbatiion of the Board, agreeably to act of Assembly dated the eighth day of April, 1785, was read; and thereupon, it was

Resolved, That Council approve of the said appointment.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 22nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esq'rs.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Henry Taylor,	
William Findley,	Richard Willing,	
James Martin,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorabl Henry Taylor, Esquire, for the sum of forty-nine pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the 3rd day of December, 1789, untill the twenty-second day of January, 1790, (deducting six days' absence,) and his mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Thomas Blair, for rations furnished to his company of Bedford county militia while employed in the defence of the western frontiers of this State, in the year 1777, amounting to forty-two pounds seven shillings and nine pence.

Of Messieurs Dunlap and Claypoole, for six setts of the Pennsylvania Packett, for one year to the eighth day of January, 1790, and for sundry advertisements inserted, amounting to twenty pounds seven shillings, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in their favor.

On motion,

Ordered, That the report of the commissioners appointed by act of Assembly of the twenty-seventh of September, 1787, to survey and regulate the streets, lanes and alleys of the district of Southwark, be now recorded in the office for recording of deeds for the county of Philadelphia, agreeably to the fifth section of the said act, together with the adjudication of Council thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, January 23rd, 1790, Saturday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esq'rs.
Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Taylor,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Benjamin Elliott, and	
William Findly,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watt,		

Upon the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from Lieutenant Colonel Josiah Harmer, of the ninth of November last, inclosing sundry certificates of money due his recruiting officers, and also three drafts of the late Treasurer of the State, on the Treasurer's of the counties of Westmoreland, Washington and Fayette, for the sum of two hundred and ninety-two pounds ten shillings, made in consequence of orders of Council, issued to him for the like sum, which has not been paid,

Resolved, That the Secretary write a letter to Colonel Harmer, acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and enclosures.

Resolved, That the said three drafts on the County Treasurers be returned to Mr. Rittenhouse, the late State Treasurer, that the original orders of Council issued to him be cancelled, and that orders be now drawn upon the Treasurer of the State, in favor of Lieutenant Ebenezer Denny, for the sum of ninety-seven pounds two shillings and six pence, payable out of the fund appropriated by act of Assembly dated the tenth day of November, 1787, to be charged to the United States, and for which Lieutenant Colonel Josiah Harmer is to be accountable, being the amount of money expended by the said Lieutenant Ebenezer Denny, Captains William Ferguson, David M'Curty and Joseph Ashton, and Lieutenant Thomas Doyle, in recruiting the Pennsylvania quota of troops, agreeably to the said act of Assembly, to be by the said Lieutenant Denny paid to the said officer, according to their several shares therein.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 25th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Henry Taylor,	
William Findley,	Benjamin Elliott, and	
Frederick Watt,	Richard Willing,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Frederick Watt, Esquire, for the sum of sixty-nine pounds seventeen shillings, being the amount of his account for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusive, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Miles, Mr. Read and Mr. Findley, be a committee to prepare and report to Council a draft of a message to the General Assembly, at their next meeting.

Mr. Ross and Mr. Addison, members of Convention, and Mr. Ryerson, member of Assembly for the county of Washington, attended, and produced in writing a statement of the depredations committed by the savages within that county from to time since, and submitting the same to the consideration of Council.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Findley, Mr. Miles and Mr. Taylor, be appointed a committee to confer with the said gentlemen, upon the subject of a defence for the western counties against the Indians, and that they make report to Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 26th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Findley,	
Richard Willing,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Henry Taylor,	James Martin, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Benjamin Elliott,	

The Comptroller General laid before the Board a statement of the public debt of this State, as required by act of Congress of the twenty-third of November, 1789, as follows, vizt:

Statement of sundries from the accounts of Pennsylvania, required by an act of Council of the twenty-third of November, 1789.

	Dollars.	90th.
Aggregate amount of the principal of the depreciation certificates granted to the officers, and of the Army and Military Hospital, in pursuance of the several laws of this Commonwealth, - -	1,403,793	57
Ditto of certificates granted per act June the first, 1780, for supplies for the army, other than specific supplies, Continental money equal to, - -	34,583	59
Ditto, certificates granted for horses for the army in the year 1780, - - - - - - - -	90,336	7
Ditto, certificates of funded debt granted for all such debts of the State not paid off, but certified with interest, - - - - - - - - -	478,351	10
Amount of all such expenditures, claims and engagements of Penn'a, since the commencement of the late war, as are chargeable to the United States, arranged & ascertained, - -	10,219,878	
Unsettled or not yet arranged, nor the specie value of the items paid in Continental money, ascertained by the scale of depreciation, say	5,000,000	
	———	15,219,878

Note.—Certificates of liquidated debt, and Loan office certificates of the United States, redeemed by this State, are not included in the above.

The funds appropriated either in whole or in part to pay the principal or interest of the above, are as follows, vizt:

The one-third part of the principal of the depreciation certificates paid of in bills of credit of the emission of April, 1781, on application of the holder.

The whole of the forfeited estates unsold before December, 1780, appropriated as a fund to redeem both principal and interest.

The tract of land in Pennsylvania bounded on the north by the donation lands, on the west by the western boundary of the State, and on the south and east by the rivers Ohio and Allegany, excepting the two reserved tracts thereout at Mackintosh, and opposite Pittsburgh on the aforesaid river Ohio, appropriated as a fund to redeem both principal and interest.

The excise on spirituous liquors was appropriated to pay the annual interest to those who had not alienated their certificates when this fund was assigned, and until they had themselves drawn the first year's interest thereon.

A sum was granted out of the imposts duties not exceeding twenty-five thousand and ninety seven pounds nineteen shillings and three pence, to pay up a year's arrear of such interest, in aid of the Excise.

And lastly, these certificates, principal and interest, funded or unfunded were made receivable in the Land office in payment for lands and lots the property of the State.

The certificates granted per act of June, 1780, were discharged by payments at the Treasury shortly after they were granted, of which public notice was given that all might come in or they were made receivable in the taxes then collecting, and such as neglected the one or other of these means of redemption may and do now receive payment of the principal at the State Treasury.

The certificates granted for horses were receivable, also in the taxes collecting at the time they were granted.

And to such as were not redeemed in that way the principal and interest is paid from the Treasury upon their application.

The aggregate fund of taxes and the arrears of taxes, and imposts is (inter alia) appropriated to the payment of the interest of the certificates of funded debt.

They are receivable at the Land office in common with depreciation certificates for city lots, and for other lands sold by the Commonwealth.

The claims of the Commonwealth against the United States have generally been already discharged out of the taxes and other revenues of the Commonwealth, such as have not, are comprisad under one or other of the preceding heads, or are included in an estimated sum of about forty-six thousand eight hundred and fifty pounds, for which there have yet been no certificates issued, but which the parties on settlement will be intitled to receive.

JOHN NICHOLSON.

Comptroller General's Office,
January 23rd, 1790.

Ordered, That a certified copy of the said statement be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

General Watt, member of Council and William Brown, Esquire, of Mifflin county, were accepted as sureties for James Potter, who was on the twenty-first instant, appointed a Deputy Surveyor of district No. 6, in the new purchase.

Adam Hamaker, Esquire, was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Dauphine, upon a return made according to law from the district of Derry and Londonderry, in the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 27th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esq'rs.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Amos Gregg,	William Finley,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Richard Willing,	James Martin, &	
Henry Taylor,	Benjamin Elliott,	

A letter was written by the President to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, inclosing a copy of the Comptroller General's statement of the public debt of Pennsylvania, reported yesterday.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 28th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Amos Gregg,	William Findley,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Jonas Hartzell,	James Martin,	
Zebulun Potts,	Benjamin Elliott, &	
Richard Willing,	Lord Butler,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Peter Babb, for the sum of fifty-six pounds six shillings and nine, State money of the emission of the seventh of April, 1781, payable out of the fund appropriated by resolution of Assembly of the eighth of April, 1782, being in full for principal and interest due upon his certificate for a horse furnished by him for public use in the year 1780.

In favor of William Dean, Esquire, for one hundred and eight pounds nine shillings and eight pence, payable out of the fund arising from militia fines in the county of Montgomery or Philadelphia, being a ballance due upon his account as sub-Lieutenant of the county of Philadelphia.

Upon the second reading of the petitions and respectable recommendations in favor of William Davis and Thomas McCalvey, the

former convicted of horse stealing, and the latter of two larcenies in the county of Chester, for remission of the fines and punishment at hard labour, to which they have been severally sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county for the said offence,

Resolved, That the said William Davis and Thomas McCalvey be and they are hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 29th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Findley,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esq'rs.
Jonas Hartzell,	James Martin,	
Richard Willing,	Benjamin Elliott, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Lord Butler,	

The petition of Peter Emery and a recommendation in his favor from the Justices of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the county of Chester, for remission of a fine of ten pounds to which the petitioner was senteneed at the said Court for fornication, were read the second time, and thereupon an order was taken that the said fine be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 30th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Findley,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	
Richard Willing,	Benjamin Elliott, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Lord Butler,	

Council taking into consideration the petition of William Nichols, together with the report of the committee to whom it was re-

ferred; and it appearing that the said William Nichols cannot pay any part of the debt due by him to the Commonwealth, without the utmost distress to himself and family,

Ordered, That execution against the said William Nichols for the debt due to the Commonwealth on the judgment obtained at the suit of the Collector of Customs, amounting to one hundred and ninety-five pounds seven shillings and seven pence, be stayed, and that time be allowed him to pay the said debt and interest in the following manner, vizt:—One-fourth part thereof on the first day of May, 1793, and the other three-fourths in equal portions on the first day of May in the three succeeding years.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 1st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	William Findley,	
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Christopher Kucher,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Lord Butler, and	
Henry Taylor,	Zebulun Potts,	

Mr. Taylor was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the present month.

Upon the second reading of a letter from Nathan Kingsley, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace and Common Pleas in the county of Luzerne, informing Council that he resides sixty miles from the county town; that it is inconvenient, and sometimes impracticable, for him to attend Courts, by reason of the high waters, and very expensive; therefore requesting Council to accept his resignation of the said offices,

Resolved, That his resignation of the said offices be accepted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 2nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	William Taylor,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Christopher Kucher,	Benjamin Elliott,	
James Read,	Lord Butler,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Zebulun Potts,	
Henry Taylor,	James Martin, and	
Frederick Watt,	Richard Willing,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-four pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the first of January to the second of February, 1790, inclusive.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for his wages as Door-keeper to Council from the first to the thirty-first of January, 1790, inclusively.

In favor of Joseph Stiles, Esquire, for the sum of eighty-five pounds, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the city and Liberties of Philadelphia, being amount of his account for forty quarters casks of gun powder delivered to the Lieutenant of the said city and Liberties for the use of the militia, according to the Comptroller and Register General's reports.

The petitition of James Smith, of Luzerne county, praying remission of two fines of five pounds each, which were imposed upon him by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the said county, upon being convicted of an assault and battery upon Joseph Whitecombe and Coleman, and for the imprisonment of their persons contrary to law, was read the second time; and the petitioner being recommended to Council for remission of the said fines by two Justices of the Peace, and several respectable inhabitants of Luzerne county, in consideration of his attachment to the Government of this State during the late disturbances in that county, it was, therefore, unanimously

Resolved, To remit the said fines.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 3rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
James Read,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	Lord Butler,	
Henry Taylor,	Abraham Smith, and	
William Findley,	Richard Willing,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

John Huline and Joseph Gillingham were offered and accepted as sureties for William Harvey, Collector of Excise for Bucks county, in the room of Gerardus Wynkoop and Samuel Dean, his former sureties.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 4th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watt,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Abraham Smith,	Lord Butler,	
James Martin,	William Finley, and	
Henry Taylor,	Richard Willing,	

Upon the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from the Comptroller General, relative to the sale of two city lots, the property of the Commonwealth, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the eighth of April, 1785, the one situate on the north side of Market street, between Seventh and Eighth street, fourteen and a half feet in breadth by about three hundred and six feet in depth, and the other upon the Front street from Schuylkill; the sale of which was postponed on account of the claim of Mr Peters, now withdrawn, it was

Resolved, That the Receiver General of the Land Office be directed to make public sale of the said two lotts of ground, according to law.

Agreeably to instructions from Council of the twenty-first day of May, 1789, the Comptroller General laid before the Board his books relative to the exchange of new loan certificates.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 5th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble Samuel Miles, James Read, Amos Gregg, Zebulun Potts, Christopher Kucher, Jonas Hartzell, Nathaniel Breading, Frederick Watt, Benjamin Elliott, Lord Butler, Henry Taylor, James Martin, Abraham Smith, William Findley, and Richard Willing, } Esq'rs.

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the account of Caleb Davis, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Chester, for monies received for tavern licence fees between the twenty-eighth of July, 1789, and the twentieth day of January, 1790, amounting to two hundred and twenty-five pounds two shillings, was read and approved.

Mr. Wynkoop, Mr. Vaux, and Mr. Reiley, a Committee from the General Assembly, attending, were introduced, and informed Council that the House was now met, and ready to receive any business which Council might have to lay before them.

The committee were informed that a message was preparing, and would be laid before the House on Monday next.

Upon the second reading of the letter from the Comptroller General, dated the sixth of January last, relative to an examination of his accounts by the Register General of certificates issued for the funded State debt,

Resolved, That agreeably to act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth day of March, 1789, the Register General be and he is hereby directed to inspect and examine such parts of the transactions and accounts of the Comptroller General as relate to the certificates issued by him on interest, in pursuance of the act of Assembly passed the first day of April, 1784, and sundry subsequent acts and resolutions of the Assembly, for debts due by the Commonwealth which have been since funded and the interest made payable to the bearer, that the same be compared with their several accounts and receipts, and likewise with the payments of interest made at the Treasury.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 6th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble Samuel Miles, Frederick Watt,
James Read, Benjamin Elliott,
Amos Gregg, Lord Butler,
Christopher Kucher, Henry Taylor,
Zebulun Potts, James Martin,
Jonas Hartzell, Abraham Smith,
William Findley, Richard Willing,
Nathaniel Breading, } Esq'rs

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Martin, Esquire, for the sum of forty-three pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the eleventh of December, 1789, to the sixth day of February, 1790, inclusively.

A petition from Arthur Thomas, who was attainted of high treason against this Commonwealth, by a proclamation of Council issued in pursuance of an act of General Assembly passed the sixth day of March, 1778, for the attainder of divers traitors, &c., stating that he hath behaved himself peaceably since his said attainder, that he is desirous of returning to this State, and praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon, was read, and the petitioner being recommended for the mercy of Council by a number of respectable citizens, it was thereupon, unanimously,

Resolved, That the petitioner be and he is hereby pardoned, so far as respects his person only.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 8th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

The Hon'ble Samuel Miles, Nathaniel Breading,
Christopher Kucher, Frederick Watt,
James Read, Benjamin Elliott,
Amos Gregg, Lord Butler,
Zebulun Potts, Henry Taylor,
Jonas Hartzell, Abraham Smith,
William Findley, Richard Willing,
James Martin, } Esq'rs.

A remonstrance and petition from divers freeholders, inhabitants of the district of the townships of Derry and Londonderry, in the

county of Dauphine, containing a complaint of irregular proceedings at the election of Justices of the Peace held in the said district on the fifteenth day of December last, and praying that Council would be pleased to direct an enquiry to be made into the facts which they alledge against the legallity of the said election, was read; and thereupon it was

Resolved, That John Gloninger, Timothy Green, and Jonathan McClure, Esquires, Justices of the Peace living near the said district, be authorized and directed to investigate the said complaint, upon the oath of such witnesses as may be adduced, and that they make report to this Board, in manner and form prescribed in and by an act of General Assembly passed the thirty-first of March, 1784, intituled "An Act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace throughout this State, &c."

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 9th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	Esquires.
James Read,	Amos Gregg,	
Christopher Kucher,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Jonas Hartzell,	James Martin,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Abraham Smith,	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts, and	
William Findley,	Lord Butler,	

The following draft of a message to the General Assembly, was read and approved, vizt:

A message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—Conformably to the act of General Assembly passed on the twenty-eighth of September, 1789, authorizing the Supreme Executive Council to appoint Commissioners for viewing the navigable waters in this State, we instructed Timothy Matlack, Reading Howell, and William Dean, to view the river Delaware; Benjamin Rittenhouse and John Adlum, to view the river Schuylkill; and Bartram Galbraith, Samuel Boyd, and Thomas Hulings, to view the river Susquehanna.

The Commissioners appointed to view the river Delaware, have compleated the task assigned to them; those who were appointed to view the river Schuylkill, have examined that river from the Great Fall five miles above this city to the town of Hamburgh,

twenty-three miles higher than the town of Reading, and have extended their examination to the Tulpehocken, and the strait between the head waters of that stream and the Quittapahilla, which communicates with the Susquehanna. That part of the Schuylkill, however, which flows above the town of Hamburgh, has not yet been explored by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners appointed to view the river Susquehanna, have examined that river from Wright's Ferry to its confluence with the Juniata, and have viewed the Juniata from its mouth to Piper's run, but they have not compleated their report.

The reports of the Delaware and Schuylkill Commissioners, and the drafts and surveys to which the reports refer, we have sent herewith.

The security of the public records against fire and other casualties requires in our opinion the attention of the legislature. The books and documents belonging to the Master of the Rolls, the Comptroller General, the Register General, the Trustees of the Loan office, the Receiver General, the Secretary of the Land office and to the Secretary of the Supreme Executive Council, are deposited in different rooms in the State house, while those which appertain to the offices of the Surveyor General, the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, and the Register of Wills for the city and county of Philadelphia, are for want of room in the public buildings necessarily kept in the private dwellings of the respective officers.

Besides the great danger attending this latter circumstance, it is no inconsiderable inconvenience that the books and papers of public officers, not only upon the change of the officers, but whenever those officers change their houses should be removed to different and distant parts of the city. We therefore suggest that the erecting of a building as a repository for all public records, and in which the several officers whom we have mentioned, may be accomodated for the transaction of their respective duties will be a matter of public utility.

We transmit herewith a memorial from Reading Howell, who is preparing a map of Pennsylvania, and applies for permission to deliniate the North boundary line under the authority of the State. As we believe the engraving this line in Mr. Howell's map will compleatly answer the design of the act entituled an Act to establish and confirm the boundary line between this State and the State of New York, passed the twenty-ninth of September, 1789, without occasioning any expence to the public, we are of opinion it will be proper to comply with his request.

The act of Assembly entitled an act for enlarging the time limitted by the act entitled an act for facilitating the redemption of the bills of credit, emitted in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, and for redeeming part of the funded debt of this State, for extending the time for patenting lands which were located before the declaration of independancy, and for giving a right of preemption to actual settlers, for procuring war-

rants for lands by them occupied, passed the twenty-first day of March, 1789, will expire by its own limitation, on the tenth day of April next. As the objects of this law are not accomplished, we recommend its continuance to the consideration of the legislature.

John Byard, Esquire, who was one of the trustees appointed by the General Assembly for that part of the Province Island, which belongs to the State has removed into New Jersey, and Robert Knox, Esquire, another trustee is dead. It may therefore be proper to appoint other persons in the room of those gentlemen

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Philad'a, February 9th, 1790.

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Henry Kammerer, for the sum of eight pounds four shillings and nine pence in full of his account for six reams of writing paper furnished by him for the use of Council, between the eighteenth of September, 1789, and the first of February, 1790.

The fine of ten pounds to which John Streeper, late of the county of Philadelphia, was sentenced upon being convicted of keeping a riotous and disorderly house in the said county, was this day remitted, agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 10th.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFIN, Esquire, Presid't.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
James Read,	William Findley,	
Christopher Kueber,	James Martin,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Zebulun Potts,	Abraham Smith,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Lord Butler, and	
Henry Taylor,	Richard Willing,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of William Shannon, Esquire, Auctioneer of the Northern Liberties for the State duty on sales at auction received between the first day of October and the thirty-first day of December, 1789, amounting to one hundred and thirty-two pounds nine shillings and five pence.

Of Edward Burd, Esquire, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court for the tax upon writs issued from April term, 1789, until January

term, 1790, amounting to forty-one pounds fifteen shillings and three pence.

Of Benjamin Rittenhouse and John Adlum, Esquires, Commissioners for viewing the river Schuylkill, for their pay and expences attending the exploring and surveying, levelling, &ca., the river Schuylkill to the great falls, and the Talpehocken creek from its confluence with the river Schuylkill to its source, and the middle ground between the head of the Talpehocken and Quittapahilla, by which a ballance of seventy-nine pounds five shillings, and three appears to be due to the said Commissioners, and for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in their favor, payable out of the fund appropriated by act of Assembly dated the twenty-eight of September, 1789.

A petition from James Lowry who was convicted of Felony, in stealing a cow, the property of James Scranton, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace of the county of Cumberland, to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of seven pounds ten shillings, and to be imprisoned two years at hard labor, &ca., praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon of the said offence, was read, and the petitioner being recommended to Council by John Jordan, Esquire, President of the said Court as a proper object of Mercy. It was thereupon,

Resolved, That the said James Lowry be pardoned.

The Comissioners appointed by Council on the second day of October last to view the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata, made report containing an estimate of the expence, which, in their opinion will be necessary for removing the obstructions to the Navigation of the said rivers, which was read; and thereupon, it was

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to the General Assembly, together with the following letter to the Speaker, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, February 10th, 1790.

Sir: I do myself the honor to enclose to you, to be laid before the General Assembly, the report of the Commissioners appointed to view the rivers Susquehanna and Juniata, which Council received this morning.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect,
Sir, your most obedient and most humble servant,
THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Hon'ble Richard Peters, Esquire, Speaker of the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 11th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires,
James Read,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Christopher Kucher,	Lord Butler,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Amos Gregg,	
Zebulon Potts,	Henry Taylor,	
Nathaniel Breading,	William Finley, and	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watts,		

The reports of the Comptroller and Register General of the third and of fourth of November, 1789, stating a ballance of five hundred and eight pounds five shillings and two pence, to be due to James Searle, Esquire, upon his account for his services and expences as an agent for this State to borrow money in Holland, in the year 1780, and for his pay as a Delegate from this State to Congress, previous to his said agency; which were read and approved on the fourteenth of the same month, were this day laid before Council; and Mr. Searle having requested that Council would be pleased to direct the payment of the said ballance, an order was drawn accordingly upon the Treasurer in his favor, for the sum of five hundred and eight pounds five shillings and two pence, the ballance aforesaid, payable out of the monies appropriated for the support of government, it appearing that the said James Searle acted as agent for the State under an appointment from Council, in July, 1780, in which the House of Assembly concurred.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of the estate of Benjamin Flower, Esquire, deceased, for the depreciation upon his pay as Lieutenant Colonel of Artillery Artificers from the sixteenth day of January, 1777, untill the month of July, 1780, amounting to nine hundred and seventy-three pounds seven shillings and three pence.

Of Timothy Matlack, Reading Howell, and William Dean, for their services and expences in exploring, surveying, and making the necessary drafts of the river Delaware and Lehigh, under an appointment from Council, in pursuance of an act of General Assembly, dated the twenty-eighth of September, 1789, by which account it appears that a ballance of one hundred and fifty-nine pounds fourteen shillings and eight pence is due to the said Commissioners, and for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in their favor, payable out of the fund appropriated by the said act of Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 12th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	
James Read,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Lord Butler,	
Zebulun Potts,	Amos Gregg,	
Henry Taylor,	William Findley, and	
Nathaniel Breading,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Houston, for the sum of eighty-eight pounds ten shillings, payable agreeably to an act of General Assembly passed the twenty-eighth of September, 1789, being in full of his claim against the Commonwealth for his services as a Deputy Surveyor in running one of the division lines of his district and part of another, under the direction of the Surveyor General, which lines were afterwards rendered useless by a subsequent order.

In favor of Jeremiah Talbot, Esquire, for the sum of seventy-six pounds sixteen shillings and six pence, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Franklin, being a ballance due to him upon his account as Lieutenant of the county aforesaid, according to the Comptroller and Register General's reports of the eleventh instant.

A paper signed Ephraim Walter, (the hand-writing said to be his by the member for the county of Fayette,) Mr. Breading, requesting Council to accept his resignation of the office of Justice of the Peace for the township and district of German, in the said county, which he has held for some time past, was read, and it was

Resolved, To accept the said resignation.

A return of an election of Justices of the Peace for the district aforesaid, held before Council received Mr. Walters' resignation, being read, it was,

Resolved, That the same was irregular, and cannot be allowed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 13th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Benjamin Elliott,	
James Read,	Lord Butler,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Amos Gregg,	
Zebulun Potts,	William Wilson, (now returned,)	
Henry Taylor,		
Nathaniel Breading,	William Findley,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watt,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Benjamin Elliott, for forty-four pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the thirtieth of December, 1789, to the thirteenth of February, 1790, inclusively, and his mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

A letter from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, of the second day of February instant, informing Council that he has appointed Messieurs David Redick and John Hoge Deputy Surveyors of a district bounded and described as follows, vizt: Northerly by the great road leading from Fort Bird to the town of Washington, thence by a direct course to the nearest head waters of Buffaloe Creek, and down the said creek to the State line, easterly by the Monongahela river, southwardly by the continuation of Mason and Dixon's line, and westerly by the State line aforesaid, and submitting the said appointment to Council for their approbation, agreeably to act of General Assembly passed the eighth day of April, 1785, was received and read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Council approve of the said appointment, and that Colonel James Marshall and Andrew Swearinger, be accepted as sureties for the said Deputy Surveyors.

A petition from John Cessna, of Bedford county, praying payment of his expences in coming to Philadelphia agreeably to an order of Council dated the seventh of November, 1786, to give evidence concerning a contested election of a Councillor for the said county, and returning home, was laid before Council and read; and upon examining the proceedings of Council at that time, it appearing that the said John Cessna attended agreeably to the said order, and that a charge for fifteen days' attendance has been admitted in favor of witnesses in like circumstances with the petitioner,

Resolved, That agreeably to the forty-first section of the acts of Assembly for regulating the elections of this Commonwealth,

passed the thirtieth of September, 1785, a certificate of the said John Cessna's having attended fifteen days upon the business aforesaid, be now issued under the lesser seal and signed by the President.

The keeper of the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia having certified the times of servitude of William Ferguson, Joseph Snowden, and Christopher Carberry, now confined in the said jail, to be expired, and they having petitioned Council for remission of the fines due from them to the Commonwealth.

Ordered, That the several fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the Commonwealth by the said William Ferguson, Joseph Snowden, and Christopher Carberry, be and they are hereby remitted.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Feb'y 15th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
James Read,	William Wilson,	
Amos Gregg,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Henry Taylor,	William Findley,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Abraham Smith,	
Frederick Watts,	Richard Willing,	
James Martin,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 16th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	William Wilson,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Henry Taylor,	Zebulun Potts,	
Nathaniel Breading,	William Findley,	
Frederick Watts,	Abraham Smith, and	
James Martin,	Richard Willing,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer:

In favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, Esquire, for thirty-six pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in

Council from the twenty-eighth of December, 1789, to the sixteenth of February, 1790, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Lord Butler, Esquire, for the sum of seventeen pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the twenty-eighth of January to the sixteenth of February, 1790, and mileage coming to Philadelphia.

John Shaw, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Northampton, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township of Hamilton, in the said county.

A petition from Catherine Tantlinger, of the county of Bedford, praying that Council would be pleased to remit the fine of ten pounds to which she was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, upon being convicted of bastardy, and for which she is now confined in the jail of the said county, being unable to pay the same, was read, together with a recommendation from several inhabitants of the said county; whereupon, it was,

Resolved, To remit the said fine.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 17th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
James Read,	William Wilson,	
Christopher Kucher,	Abraham Smith,	
Henry Taylor,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watts,	William Finley, and	
James Martin,	Amos Gregg,	

Upon the petition of Joseph Plowman, and a recommendation from five of the Justices of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia in his favor, for remission of a fine of five pounds which was imposed upon him by the last Mayor's Court, upon being convicted of an assault and battery upon a certain John Kingston, it was

Resolved, To remit the said fine.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 18th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	
Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Abraham Smith,	
William Wilson,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Finley, and	
Henry Taylor,	Richard Willing,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports, upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Joseph Brown, for one month's pay as a volunteer militia man while stationed at one M'Donald's, for the defence of the frontiers of the county of Washington, in August, 1782, amounting to five pounds five shillings.

Of Samuel Brown, for forty days' pay as a militia man in Captain Robert Miller's Company, stationed on the frontiers of the said county, in the year 1782 and 1783, amounting to four pounds.

Of Alexander Lashley, for a horse which was taken into public service, and lost on the Sandusky expedition against the Indians, under Colonel Crawford, in the year 1782, valued at twelve pounds and allowed.

Of George Sharp, for bacon and flour furnished the militia of Washington county, under his command, on the frontiers of said county in March, 1785, amounting to two pounds four shillings.

Colonel Wilson laid before Council two receipts signed by the agents for the sale of confiscated estates in Northumberland county, for the payment of the purchase money, in full for two tracts of land, late of Alexander Bartram, an attainted traitor, sold by them on the twenty-sixth of February, 1787, to Philip Dadder, one of three hundred and thirty-two and a half acres, and the other of one hundred and sixty-five acres and forty-three perches, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-eighty pounds; and one tract of three hundred and thirty-one acres and a half, sold as late the estate of said Bartram, to Cornelius Low, for seventy-one pounds ten shillings, and requested that deeds might issue to the purchases, agreeably to law.

Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That deeds be issued accordingly.

The Receiver General of the Land office having informed Council that John Hamilton has neglected to comply with the terms of

payment for Chartiers Island in the river Ohio, within the time limited by the resolution of Council of the sixteenth of November, 1788, but that he is now desirous of obtaining a grant, and paying for the sum in such manner as Council shall direct.

Resolved, That the Receiver General of the Land office be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed to dispose of the said Island, containing one hundred and thirty six acres and twenty-one perches, to John Hamilton, at fifty shillings per acre, payable in certificates of this State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 19th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Taylor,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	William Findley, and	
Fredcaick Watt,	Zebulun Potts,	
William Wilson,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Benjamin Elliott, Esquire, Treasurer of the county of Huntington, for the taxes received within the said county, in the years 1788 and 1789, amounting to five hundred and eight pounds ten shillings and five pence, was read and approved.

Upon the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition and papers relative to the Nescopeck road, returned to Council from the Assembly,

Resolved, That Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Gregg, be a committee to confer with a committee of the General Assembly, (should the House think proper to appoint a committee for the purpose,) on the subject of a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northampton, residing on or near the Nescopeck road.

Upon the second reading of a petition from John Hagey, now confined in the jail of the county of Chester, for horse stealing, praying remission of the fine and punishment at hard labor, to which he was sentence for the said offence, and the petitioner being recommended to Council, by a number of respectable inhabitants of said county,

Resolved, That he be pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 20th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Christopher Kucher,	Lord Butler,	
Abraham Smith,	William Findley,	
Henry Taylor,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Federick Watts,	William Wilson,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the estate of Benjamin Flower, Esquire, deceased, late Lieutenant Colonel of Artillery Artificers, for two hundred and ninety-two pounds and one penny, being five years' interest due upon his depreciation certificate, according to acts of Assembly dated the twenty first of March, and twentieth of September, 1783, and twenty-fifth of March, 1786, payable out of the funds therein mentioned.

Council being informed that Samuel Hulings, who had a right of pre-emption to an island in the river Allegheny, called Hulings Island, containing near forty acres, has not complied with the terms prescribed by Council on the twenty-ninth day of November, 1788, it was on motion of General Watts, seconded by Mr. Martin,

Resolved, That he be allowed four months from this date, to make his application to the Receiver General of the Land office, and to pay eighteen shillings and nine pence per acre, in certificates of this State for the said island.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 22nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Amos Gregg,	Henry Taylor,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Lord Butler,	
Frederick Watts,	James Martin, and	
William Findley,	Zebulun Potts,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Charles Biddle, Esquire, Secretary, for fees received in

his office, between the twenty-third of October, 1789, and twenty-third of January, 1790, amounting two hundred and fourteen pounds fifteen shillings and three pence, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 23rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	
James Read,	Henry Taylor,	
Amos Gregg,	Lord Butler,	
Jonas Hartzell,	James Martin,	
Frederick Watts,	Abraham Smith, and	
William Findley,	Zebulun Potts,	

Upon application of Clement Biddle, Esquire, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor, for the sum of six pounds four shillings and eight pence, being the amount of interest due to several persons on money borrowed by him for the relief of the disabled pensioners, in consequence of orders of Council, and in conformity with the act of General Assembly passed the twentieth day of November, 1789, entitled "An Act for granting present relief to the wounded and disabled soldiers, who have received pensions from this State."

William Wills and William Jackson, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Northampton, upon returns made according to law, the former for the district of the township of Lower Smithfield, and the latter for the district of the townships of Delaware and Upper Smithfield in the said county.

The said gentlemen were also appointed and commissionated Justices of the Court of Commonpleas in and for the county aforesaid.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Joseph Chapman, Esquire, treasurer of the county of Bucks, for taxes received and paid by him, and outstanding in the said county, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 24th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	William Wilson,	
Christopher Kucher,	Lord Butler,	
Amos Gregg,	Henry Taylor,	
Jonas Hartzell,	James Martin,	
Frederick Watts,	Zebulun Potts, and	
William Findley,	Nathaniel Breading,	

Council taking into consideration the petition of Colonel Clement Biddle, together with the report of the committee to whom it was referred, and it appearing that the petitioner cannot at present pay any part of the debt due by him to the Commonwealth.

Resolved, That execution on the judgement obtained by the State against Colonel Clement Biddle for duties due to the Commonwealth previous the twenty-eighth of February, 1785, be stayed for the term of six years from the date hereof, on the following conditions, to wit: that the said Clement Biddle pay one fourth of said debt on or before the twenty-eighth day of February, which shall be in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and the other three-fourths thereof in annual payments in the three succeeding years.

Upon the petition and recommendation of a number of respectable inhabitants of the county of Montgomery, in favor of Jacob Jeans and Jesse Hallowell, Overseers of the Poor in the said county, for remission of two fines, one of four pounds and the other of twenty shillings, which were imposed upon the said Jacob Jeans and Jesse Hollowell by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, upon being convicted of disobeying an order issued by two Justices of the Peace for the maintenance of a pauper, pursuant to act of Assembly; it was

Resolved, To remit the said fines.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 25th 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
James Read,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watt,	
Amos Gregg,	Lord Butler,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
William Wilson,	William Findley, and	
Henry Taylor,	Richard Willing,	

A letter from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, dated February twenty-third, instant, informing Council that he has appointed George Palmer, Esquire, Deputy Surveyor of all the county of Northampton, and submitting the said appointment to Council for their approbation, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the eighth day of April, 1785, was received and read; and thereupon

Resolved, That Council approve of the said appointment, and that Jonas Hartzell and John Arndt, Esquires, be accepted as sureties for the said Deputy Surveyor.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 26th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Lord Butler,	
James Read,	William Wilson,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Martin,	William Finley,	
Frederick Watts,	Henry Taylor,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of James Watts, of Northumberland county, for a rifle gun which he delivered to John Brady, who was in actual service in the militia, and was wounded, and lost the same at the battle of Brandywine, valued at seven pounds ten shillings, was read and approved.

A letter from His Excellency the President of the United States of the twentieth of February, 1790, inclosing an act passed in the second session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, entitled "An Act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned in respect to the State of North Carolina, and other purposes," was received and read, and a letter written by the President of the State acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and inclosure.

Upon application of William Todd, Esquire, of the right of pre-emption to a certain island in the river Allegany, nearly opposite to and above the mouth of Buffaloe creek, containing about twenty-five or thirty acres, upon which he has made a small improvement, it was

Resolved, That the said island be granted to the said William Tod upon his paying for the same at the rate of twenty five shillings per acre in certificates of this State, interest to be computed from this date.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Towers and Evans for glass, and of George Flake for glazing windows, which were broke by the discharge of cannon at the proclamation of the President and Vice President, on the eleventh day of November, 1789, amounting to eight pounds five shillings and four pence, was read and approved; for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 27th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	Esquiers.
James Read,	William Wilson,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Martin,	William Findley,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Henry Taylor, and	
Frederick Watts,	Richard Willing,	

John Barclay was re-appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Bucks, upon a return of an election held according to law in the district of the townships of Springfield, and Hayeock, in the said county, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the said Barclay's former commissions for the said offices.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That John Barclay, Esquire, be continued in the offices of President of the Court of Common Pleas and of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the county of Bucks, and he was commissionated accordingly.

Upon farther consideration of the petition of Thomas Wright of Bucks county, and a respectable recommendation from the Representatives of the said county in Convention and Assembly, from several Justices of the Peace, and a number of inhabitants, it was

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen pounds, now due by the petitioner to the Commonwealth, being the remainder of a fine of fifty pounds to which he was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of said county, for an assault and battery upon Joseph Thomas, be and the same is hereby remitted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Thursday next be assigned for the consideration of the memorial of Edward Williams, relative to his claim against the State for his services as Chief Clerk in the late Military Hospital department.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 1st, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Richard Willing,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Henry Taylor,	
Frederick Watts,	James Martin,	
Lord Butler,	William Findley,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Jacob Krug, Esquire, Treasurer of the county of Lancaster, of monies received by him for taxes of the years 1787, 1788 and 1789, amounting to eleven thousand eight hundred and seventy-four pounds eight shillings and nine pence, was read and approved.

Mr Martin was appointed a Member of the Board of Property for the present month.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 2d, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watts,	Henry Taylor,	
Lord Butler,	James Martin,	
Nathaniel Breading,	William Findley,	
William Wilson,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Charles Biddle, Esquire, for the sum of fifty pounds, for defraying the expence of lighting the lamps in the State House yard, and for paying wages to the watchman employed in guarding the public offices in and about the State House and the Public Treasury, pursuant to act of Assembly passed the twenty-seventh day of March, 1789.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fourteen pounds, seven shillings and six pence, in full of his account for one month's wages as Doorkeeper to Council, ending the twenty-eighth of February, 1789, and cash paid for carrying up wood.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of William Nichols, for a gun delivered to one of the Sub-Lieutenants of Chester county in the year 1778, for public use, valued at six pounds ten shillings Continental money, amounting in specie to one pound twelve shillings and six pence, was read and approved.

Upon the petition of James Moore, of Lancaster county, for the pardon of his Negro man Joseph, who was convicted of a Robery at a Court of Oyer and Terminer, and General Jail Delivery held on the twelfth day of May, 1788, in the said county, and sentenced by the said Court to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the term of seven years, &ca; it was

Resolved, That the said Negro Joseph be and he is hereby pardoned.

The further consideration of the petition Edward Williams for commutation of pay as Chief Clerk in the Hospital Department was postponed untill Thursday next.

A petition from Walter Hood, of Chester county, praying that Council would be pleased to remit a fine of ten pounds, which was

imposed upon him by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county for keeping a tipling house contrary to law, was read the second time, and it appearing that the said Court has since the conviction recommended the petitioner for a licence to keep a public house,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

Two letters from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, dated the twenty third of February, 1790, informing Council that he has appointed the following gentlemen to be deputy Surveyors, were received and read, vizt:

Benjamin Lodge, Esquire, to be Deputy Surveyor of a district bounded and described as follows, vizt:

Beginning at Fort Pitt, and from thence extending up Monongahela river to the mouth of Youghiogeny river, thence up the same to the mouth of Jacobs creek, thence up the said creek to Cherry's Mill, thence by the line of Fayette county to the line dividing the counties of Bedford and Westmoreland, thence along said line to the great road leading from Bedford to Fort Pitt, thence along said road (through Hannas Town) to the beginning, and likewise of the district Number 5, in the Donation Lands.

And John Moore, Esquire, to be Deputy Surveyor of a district bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at Pittsburgh, and from thence extending up the Allegany river to the mouth of the river Kiskamanetas, thence up the same to the mouth of Loyalhanning creek, thence up Conemaugh river to Bedford county line, thence by the same to the Old Pennsylvania road, thence along said road by Ligonier, Proctors', Hannas town, Meyers, Elliotts, &ca., to the beginning, and submitting the said appointments to Council for their approbation agreeably to act of Assembly, dated the eight of April, 1785; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That Council approve of the said appointments, and that the following gentlemen be accepted as sureties for the said Deputy Surveyors, vizt:—John Baird and William Findley, Esquires, for Benjamin Lodge; and William Jack, and Daniel St. Clair, for John Moore.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, March 3d, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watts,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	William Findley, and	
Henry Taylor,	Lord Butler,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of John Piper for cash paid by him for the carriage of public arms from Philadelphia to Hagerstown, amounting to five pounds ten shillings specie, was read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That Wednesday next be assigned for hearing the Attorney General, and Anthony Cuthbert, relative to said Cuthbert's claim to a City Lot under an old right.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 4th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel,	James Martin,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watts,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
Henry Taylor,	William Findley, and	
Nathaniel Breading,	Lord Butler,	
Zebulun Potts,		

A letter from the Comptroller General of the third instant, inclosing a letter from Sharp Delany, Esquire, who is appointed by the United States to pay the pensioners in this State, and requesting instructions from Council relative to the delivery of the certificates in the possession of the State which have been granted to

pensioners by the Supreme Court and Orphans' Courts under the laws of this State.

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be and he hereby is authorised and directed to deliver to Sharp Delany, Esquire, such certificates in his possession as have been granted by the Judges of the Supreme Court or Orphans' Courts of this State to officers and soldiers entitled to pensions under the Laws of Pennsylvania, to enable the said Sharp Delany, Esquire, to settle with, and to pay the said pensioners agreeably to instructions received by him from the Secretary of War at New York.

The Comptroller General to take Mr. Delany's receipt or receipts for certificates so delivered containing a stipulation for the safe return of the same to the said Comptroller General.

Upon the second reading of the report of the Committee to whom was referred the application for a new order in favor of Demus Linsley,

Resolved, That the order which was granted to him for forty-four pounds one shilling and nine pence on the tenth of December, 1789, on the Militia fines of Washington county be cancelled, and that a new order for the same sum be issued, payable out of the Militia fund of the county of Lancaster.

Upon the petition of Rebecca Thompson, and a recommendation from the Commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, for remission of the fine of one pound fifteen shillings, and punishment at hard labour, to which the petitioner was sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the county of Philadelphia, upon being convicted of larceny in December, 1788; it was

Resolved, That the said Rebecca Thompson be and she is hereby pardoned.

General Watts presented a petition from William Purdy praying to be appointed Excise Officer in the county of Mifflin, and the petitioner being recommended to Council as a suitable person for that office,

Resolved, That the said William Purdy be appointed Collector of Excise in the said county of Mifflin.

The further consideration of the memorial of Edward Williams was postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 5th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts,	
Jonas Hartzell,	William Wilson,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
Amos Gregg,	William Findley, and	
Henry Taylor,	Lord Butler,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

Thomas Turbett and Samuel McIlvaine, of the county of Mifflin, were offered and accepted as sureties for William Purdy, Collector of Excise in the said county.

A return of the election of John Derr, as Lieutenant of the seventh company of the first battalion of the militia of Northampton county, and of John Dillinger, as Ensign of the same company, being made to Council by John Craig, Esquire, Lieutenant of the said county, and the same being read, it was

Resolved, That commissions issue accordingly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 6th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts,	
Jonas Hartzell,	William Wilson,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
Amos Gregg,	William Findley, and	
Henry Taylor,	Lord Butler,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

Upon the second reading of the petition from Catherine Rush, praying that the Attorney General may be directed to enter a noli prosequi in favor of her daughter Catherine Somers, who is charged with a larceny in the shop of a certain William Burgess, in this city,

Resolved, That the said petition be referred to the Attorney General.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 8th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	William Findley,	
Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Frederick Watts,	
Abraham Smith,	Lord Butler, and	
Henry Taylor,	Zebulun Potts,	

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Lewis Farmer, in behalf of the corporation of ministers, trustees, elders, deacons of German Reformed congregation in the city of Philadelphia, delivered in a report, which was read and adopted as follows, vizt:

That having considered the memorial they are of opinion that the request of the memorialists to have the warrants which have been issued for five thousand acres of land, within the last purchase of the Indians cancelled, and others to issue generally agreeably to the Act of Assembly, may without any impropriety be complied with, and therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That on the corporation of the ministers, trustees, elders and deacons of the German Reformed congregation in the city of Philadelphia, transferring to the Commonwealth the warrants which they have obtained for five thousand acres of land, within the last purchase of the Indians, the Secretary of the Land office be and he is hereby directed and authorized to issue warrants to the said corporation for five thousand acres of land to be located, set out and surveyed within the unappropriated lands of this State, agreeably to the directions of an Act of Assembly, entituled An Act to grant to the corporation of the ministers, trustees, elders and deacons of the German Reformed congregation in the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, certain lands therein mentioned for endowing the free school for the use of the poor of the said congregation: *Provided, nevertheless*, That all charges and expences attending such transfers, and the issuing or granting of new warrants be paid by the congregation above mentioned.

Upon the report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition and recommendation in favor of John Manderfield, for remission of a forfeiture of one hundred and fifty pounds to the use of the Commonwealth, which he has incurred by reason of the non-appearance of Elisha Brewer, Adam Rice and Thomas Bailey, in the City Court, to answer to an indictment for a cheat, they hav-

ing absconded before trial, and for whose appearance the petitioner became bound by recognizance; it was

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds of the said forfeiture of one hundred and fifty pounds, be remitted.

A letter from Thomas Ryerson, Esquire, member of Assembly, relative to the defence of the western frontiers against the incursions of the Indians, was received and read; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for taking into consideration the several papers now before Council on the subject of a frontier defence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 9th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	William Wilson,	Esquire.
Samuel Miles,	William Finley,	
Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Frederick Watts,	
Abraham Smith,	Lord Butler, and	
Henry Taylor,	Zebulun Potts,	

Benjamin Lodge, Esquire, appointed and approved as a Deputy Surveyor on Tuesday last, having transmitted a bond executed by himself and by Christopher Hays and Nehemiah Stokely, as his sureties, it was agreed to accept them as such, and that Mr. Findley, and Mr. Baird, who were accepted as sureties for Mr. Lodge, discharged therefrom.

The bond being dated prior to the appointment of Mr. Lodge; it was

Ordered, That a new one be executed.

A petition from John Rankin, who was attainted of high treason against this Commonwealth, by a Proclamation of Council issued in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly passed the sixth day of March, 1778, for the attainder of divers traitors, &c., stating that he is desirous of returning to this State, and praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon that he may be restored to the rights of a citizen of this State, was read the second time; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said John Rankin be pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 10th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	William Wilson,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Lord Butler,	
Zebulun Potts,	Abraham Smith, and	
Henry Taylor,	William Findley,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

A petition from Mary Reib, of the county of Westmoreland, who was convicted at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, of fornication and bastardy, and sentenced by the said Court to pay a fine of ten pounds to the use of the Commonwealth, stating that she is unable to pay the said fine, is now confined in the jail of the said county, and praying that Council would be pleased to take her distressed case into consideration, and remit her fine was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

George Finley, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Westmoreland, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township of Wheatfield, in the said county.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Bryce, with the letter from John Nicholson, Esquire, made a report, which was read and adopted, as follows, vizt:

"That John Bryce became the purchaser of an undivided moiety of a tract of land in Sadsbury township, in the county of Chester, forfeited by Francis and William Armstrong, attainders of high treason; that said Bryce has paid the Commonwealth for the same, and since conveyed his title to John Nicholson, Esquire; that it appears by the last will and testament of the late father of the said Francis and William Armstrong, that their mother, the widow of the testator, has an annuity of ten pounds as a dower, out of the said estate, and that it appears by a certificate of one of the agents for the sale of forfeited estates in Chester county, that said moiety was not sold subject to any such annuity or incumbrance whatever.

"The committee are, therefore, of opinion, that it is out of the power of Council to refund the money that has been paid, or give any relief against the annuity, as the estate was sold without any reserve, or mention made of such incumbrance, and that the title

of the purchaser ought not to be affected thereby. They therefore, offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That a deed be made in the usual form to John Nicholson, Esquire, for one moiety of a tract of land in Sadsbury township, Chester county, forfeited by the attainder of Francis and William Armstrong, and sold by the Commissioners for the sale of confiscated estates to John Bryce, who conveyed his right to the said John Nicholson."

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of George Weimer, for five pounds six shillings and six pence, and of John Hilligas for nineteen pounds three shillings and eight, being balances due by the Commonwealth to them upon their several certificates for supplies furnished for the use of the Continental army in the year 1780, were read and approved.

Upon the report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Galbraith Logan, now confined in the jail of this city at hard labour, for harbouring and maintaining persons convicted of capital offences and made their escape, knowing them to have been so convicted, it was

Resolved, That the said Galbraith Logan be pardoned.

The Attorney General and Anthony Cuthbert attended, agreeably to the order of Council of the third instant. Mr. Cuthbert then produced sundry papers in support of his claim to a city lot near the Centre square, in right of Reese Price, from which it appeared that the heirs of Reese Price were entitled to the lot in question, but Mr. Cuthbert's right under them not being established to the satisfaction of the Board, it was, therefore, agreed to postpone the further consideration of the business, and that Mr. Cuthbert be required to furnish such other evidence of his title under Reese Price being compleat, as the Attorney General shall judge sufficient.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 11th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samel Miles,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
James Read,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	
Amos Gregg,	Lord Butler,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Abraham Smith,	
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watts, and	
Henry Taylor,	Richard Willing,	

The Comptroller General's reports upon the account of John Donaldson, Esquire, Register General, for cash advanced by him to

pay his Clerk, amounting to one hundred and eleven pounds ten shillings and two pence, was read and approved.

A letter from Anthony Butler, agent for John Penn, junior, and John Penn, Esquires, requesting Council to issue an order for paying to the said Messieurs Penns the sixth installment of one hundred and thirty thousand pounds sterling, which was granted by act of Assembly passed the twenty-seventh day of November, 1779, to the late Proprietaries, was read and referred to the Comptroller General to report thereon.

A transcript from the Journals of the Assembly, containing a report of a Committee upon the memorial of a number of the inhabitants of Westmoreland county, relative to the excise, and a resolution of the House of the ninth instant, "requesting Council to take the most effectual means in their power to compell all delinquent Excise officers to pay into the State Treasury all monies due for excise, whether in the hands of said officers or of individuals," was received and read, and to-morrow assigned for the consideration thereof.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 12th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
James Read,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Lord Butler,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watts,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Henry Taylor,	Richard Willing,	

Agreeably to the minutes of yesterday, Council proceeded to the consideration of the resolution of the General Assembly of the ninth instant, relative to the delinquent Excise officers; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be and he hereby is required to take the most speedy and effectual measures for obtaining settlements of the accounts of all Excise officers of this State who have neglected to account with him agreeably to law, and in all cases where balances may be found due from such officers to the State, the said Comptroller is instructed to inforce immediate payment of such ballances.

Resolved, That the Comptroller General lay before Council a list of all Collectors of Excise who have neglected to settle with him according to law.

Colonel Isaac Melcher, who was appointed by the Council of Safety in December, 1776, Barrack Master General, with the rank of Colonel, and continued in the office untill the fourteenth of August, 1778, when the same was abolished by the Supreme Executive Council, having requested this Council to grant him a certificate of his said appointment, and of his having settled his accounts agreeably to law, and it appearing by an extract from the Comptroller General's books, that the said Colonel Melcher settled his accounts with the State in due time, it was thereupon

Resolved, That such certificate be granted to him.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 13th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	William Findley,	Esquires.
James Read,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Lord Butler,	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Taylor,	
William Wilson,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Frederick Watts,	Richard Willing,	
Amos Gregg,		

An invitation to Council from the faculty of the university to attend the public examination of candidates for degrees in medicine, to be held in the hall of the University on Monday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, was received and read, and it was agreed to attend.

Mr. Finley laid before Council a transcript of the conviction of John Hunter of an assault and battery, in the county of Westmoreland, for which offence he was sentenced to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of five pounds, and upon the recommendation of several respectable inhabitants of the said county, it was

Resolved, To remit the said fine, agreeably to the prayer of the said Hunter's petition presented to Council in November last.

The Secretary presented to Council a form of a conveyance from the Commonwealth, for islands in the rivers Ohio and Allegany, which was read and referred to the Attorney General to report, whether the same is legal and proper.

Upon application of John Donaldson, Esquire, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor, for the sum of one hundred & twenty-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as Register General of the accounts of this Commonwealth, ending the twenty-eighth of this month, according to act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth day of March, 1789.

On motion,

Resolved, That on Thursday next, Council go into the appointment of an Inspector of Pot and Pearl Ashes.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 15th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Taylor,	
William Findley,	Lord Butler.,	
James Martin,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Findley, Esquire, for the sum of sixty-six pounds, in full of his account for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusive.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 16th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read.	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Taylor,	
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg,	
William Findley,	Lord Butler,	
James Martin,	Zebulun Potts, and	
William Wilson,	Richard Willing,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Amos Gregg, Esquire, for sixty-seven pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for his services in Council from the sixteenth of December, 1789, till the sixteenth of March, 1790, the last day included.

In favor of the Honorable Nathaniel Breading, Esquire, for fifty-two pounds sixteen shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the fifteenth of January till the sixteenth of March, 1790, and mileage going home.

In favor of Joseph Price, for three pounds eighteen shillings and four pence, in full of his account for seven and a half days work at the banks of Mud Island, according to the Comptroller and Register General's report of the twenty-sixth of February last.

Elisha Price, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace, and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Delaware, upon a return made according to law, from the borough of Chester.

Upon the petition of John M'Garvey, and a recommendation in his favor, from the Mayor, Recorder and Alderman of this city; it was

Resolved, That the fine of fifty pounds payable to the use of the Commonwealth, which was imposed upon the petitioner by the Mayor's Court, upon his being convicted of keeping a Shuffle Board contrary to law, be remitted.

The fine of fifty pounds due to the Commonwealth, to which Mary Stanup was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the county of Delaware, was also remitted, agreeably to the prayer of her petition, and a recommendation from the Commissioners of the said county, and from Thomas Levis, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 17th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Taylor,	
William Finley,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Martin,	Richard Willing, and	
William Wilson,	Lord Butler,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Samuel Jones, Esq'r, for the sum of three hundred and four pounds ten shillings, payable out of the fund appropriated by an act of the General Assembly passed the third instant, entituled "An Act directing the payment of the accounts of sundry Deputy Surveyors of depreciation lands," being the amount of his account for surveying eighty-seven tracts of land in his depreciation district.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Adam Hubley, Esquire, Auctioneer for the district of South-

wark, for the State duty upon goods sold at auction, between the twelfth of December, 1789, to the thirteenth of March 1790, amounting to seventy-two pounds two shillings and ten pence half-penny, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 18th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Henry Taylor,	
William Finley,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Martin,	Richard Willing,	
William Wilson,	Lord Butler,	

The order of the day for going into the appointment of an Inspector of Pot and Pearl Ashes, was postponed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the written opinion of the Attorney General, on the fourth section of the act of Assembly passed the thirtieth of September, 1789, be referred to Mr. Miles, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Smith and Mr. Findley, and that the said committee be instructed to state the measures which have been taken by Council, relative to the controversy subsisting between the Comptroller and Register General, with respect to the meaning of the said act.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 19th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Richard Willing,	
William Wilson,	Nathaniel Breading,	
William Findley,	Henry Taylor,	
Lord Butler,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Miles,	
Frederick Watts,		

A letter from His Excellency Alexander Martin, Esquire, Governor of the State of North Carolina, dated the twentieth of last

month, inclosing a copy of a resolution of the general Convention of that State, dated the twenty-third of November, 1789, "with several amendments by them proposed, to become part of the Constitution for the future government of the United States," was received and read, and the same transmitted to the General Assembly in a letter from the President to the Speaker.

A petition from Patrick M'Cape, of the county of Cumberland, who was convicted of larceny, and sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the said county to a servitude of two years hard labour, and to pay to the use of the Commonwealth equal to the value of the goods stolen, praying a pardon, was read, with a recommendation from a number of respectable inhabitants of the said county in favor of the petioner. It was thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Patrick M'Cape be and he is hereby pardoned.

A petition from John Simpson, who was pardoned by Council on the fifth of November last, "on condition of departing the State within three weeks, not to return," stating that he is still confined in the jail of this city, under that part of his sentence which requires restitution to be made to the person injured; that he has made restitution, and praying Council to order that he be discharged from confinement, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner be released from his confinement, on condition of his leaving the United States.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 20th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Richard Willing,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Lord Butler,	
Henry Taylor,	William Finley, and	
William Wilson,	James Read,	
Frederick Watts,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter salary due to him on the eighteenth instant, as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

I favor of John Penn and John Penn, junior, Esquires, for twenty-five thousand eight hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings, being the amount of the sixth installment of one hundred and thirty thousand pounds, which by act of Assembly of the twenty-seventh of November, 1779, is directed to be paid to the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, and interest due on the said installment from the third of September, 1789, untill the seventeenth instant.

Upon the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition and recommendation in favor of Henry Hoover, of the county of Bedford, for remission of the fine which was imposed upon him for not making an entry of his still, and for retailing whisky contrary to law, it was

Resolved, That so much of the fine unpaid as belongs to the State be remitted.

A petition from Alexander Moore, of Montgomery county, praying remission of the fine of ten pounds to which he was sentenced for keeping a tipling house, was read, with a recommendation from five Justices of the Peace of said county; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 22nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathaniel Breading,	
William Finley,	Zebulun Potts,	
Henry Taylor,	Lord Butler, and	
——— Wilson,	Christopher Kucher,	
Frederick Watts,		

A letter from His Excellency the President of the United States, dated the fifteenth instant, in answer to the letter from the President of this State of the tenth, which inclosed the representation from some of the inhabitants of Washington county respecting the mischiefs which have been committed for several years past by the Indians in that county, was received and read, and the same was transmitted to the General Assembly in a letter from the President to the Speaker.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Miles, Mr. Smith, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Wilson and Mr Findley, be a Committee to confer with a Committee of the General Assembly relative to a disagreement in opinion be-

tween the Comptroller and Register General, on the meaning of the fourth section of the act of Assembly passed the thirtieth of September, 1789.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 23rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Jonas Hartzell,	Esquires.
James Read,	James Martin,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
William Findley,	Lord Butler,	
Henry Taylor,	Christopher Kucher, and	
William Wilson,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watts,		

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary take order with respect to the discharge of John Simpson, who was pardoned on the nineteenth instant, on condition of his leaving the United States.

A letter from Thomas Arnold, of Weymouth, in Great Britain, relative to an estate which has fallen to one William Green, son of John Green, was received and read, and the same referred to the Secretary, to take order thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 24th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

William Findley,	Lord Butler,	Esq'rs.
Abraham Smith,	William Wilson,	
James Martin,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Zebulun Potts,	Amos Gregg, and	
Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	
Christopher Kucher,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-nine pounds, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the seventeenth of February untill the twenty-fourth of March, 1790, inclusively.

In favor of Bartram Galbraith, for sixty-six pounds three shillings and five pence, payable out of the fund appropriated by act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth of September last, being a ballance due to him and to Thomas Hulings, upon an account settled by the Comptroller and Register General, on the nineteenth of January last, for their services and expences as Commissioners for exploring the river Susquehanna and Juniata, in pursuance of the said act of Assembly.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of William Findley, Esquire, for the hire of his team, taken into the public service in the year 1778, amounting to thirteen pounds one shilling, was read and approved.

On motion,

Arnold Colt, Esquire, was appointed Collector of Excise in and for the county of Luzerne.

The petition of William Butler, now confined in the jail of this city, convicted and senteneed to hard labour, upon two indictments, the one for receiving stolen goods, the property of Jonathan Willis, and the other for robbing John Manderfield, praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon, was read the second time, and it appearing that his time of servitude for the first offence is expired, and the Sheriff and Jailor having certified that William, who suffered death for robbing the said John Mandersfield, declared to them at the place of execution, that the petitioner was not concerned with him in that robbery; it was

Resolved, That the said William Butler be and hereby is pardoned.

Upon the petition of Benjamin Carr, praying Council to remit a fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon him by the Mayor's Court for keeping a disorderly house, and a recommendation in his favor,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted, on his complying with that part of his sentence which requires security for his good behaviour.

The fine of ten pounds to which Adam Premir was sentenced by the last Mayor's Court, for keeping a tipling house, was also remitted, agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 25th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

William Findley,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	William Wilson,	
James Martin,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Zebulun Potts,	Amos Gregg, and	
Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	
Christopher Kucher,		

John Murray, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Dauphine, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township of Middle Paxton.

On motion,

Resolved, That Thursday next be appointed for going into the election of an Inspector of Pott and Pearl Ashes.

Upon application of Martha Biles, of Bucks county, it was

Ordered, That a patent under the great seal be granted to her for a tract of sixteen acres of land, in Southampton township, in the said county, which was forfeited to the Commonwealth by the attainder of Samuel Biles, and sold at public vendue by George Wall, Esquire, agent to the said Martha Biles, for the sum of two hundred and eighty six pounds in depreciation certificates, which sum she hath duly paid as appears by the said agent's receipt.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 26th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
James Read,	William Findley,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Lord Butler, and	
William Wilson,	Henry Taylor, and	
James Martin,	Richard Willing,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-

five pounds, being one quarter's salary as Vice President of the State, for which sum he is to account.

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the account of Hillary Baker, Esquire, Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia, of fees received in his office upon tavern licences issued from November the second, 1789, to March the second, 1790, amounting to one hundred and thirty pounds six shillings, was read and approved.

The keeper of the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, having certified to Council that the times of servitude of Henry Groom, Sarah Brown and Biddy Ferguson, now confined in the jail of the said city and county, are expired, and that they have behaved themselves well; and the said petitioners having by their petition prayed that Council would be pleased to grant them a remission of the fines due to the Commonwealth, which have been imposed upon them for the several offences of which they have been convicted; it was thereupon

Resolved, That the fine of six pounds due from Henry Groom, of twenty-five shillings due from Sarah Brown, and of twenty shillings due from Biddy Ferguson, be and the same are hereby remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 27th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
James Read,	James Martin,	
Amos Gregg,	Lord Butler,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
William Findley,	William Wilson,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Henry Taylor,	
Christopher Kucher,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Lewis Stacker, for his services as Captain of a company of Northampton county militia, amounting to three pounds seven shillings and six pence, was read and approved.

Upon application of the Managers of the House of Employment in the City of Philadelphia, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in their favor for the sum of forty-seven pounds fourteen shillings & six pence, being the residue of the sum of one hundred pounds which was granted by act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth of March, 1788, for the relief of James McManus, who was wounded by the fall of a tree while employed in the public service.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 29th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Lord Butler,	
Abraham Smith,	William Wilson,	
William Findley,	James Martin,	
Henry Taylor,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Amos Gregg,	Richard Willing,	

The reports of the Comptroller and Register General upon the following accounts were read and approved, viz:

Of Francis Johnston, Esquire, Receiver General of the Land Office, for fees received in the said office between the ninth of December, 1789, to the eighth of March, 1790, amounting to three hundred and twenty three pounds five shillings and six pence.

Of David Kennedy, Esquire, Secretary of the Land office, for fees received in his office from the ninth of December, 1789, to the eighth of March, 1790, amounting to four hundred and eighty pounds two shillings and nine pence.

Of Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, for fees received in the said office from the ninth of December, 1789, to the eighth of March, 1790, amounting to three hundred and eleven pounds twelve shillings and six pence.

Of Frederick Conrad, Esquire, Treasurer of the county of Montgomery, for the tax of the year 1789, amounting to six hundred and seventy-six pounds seven shillings and six pence.

Of Edward Bartholomew, Esquire, for Excise collected in the city and county of Philadelphia, from the first of January till the thirty-first of December, 1789, amounting to five thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven pounds three shillings and four pence.

Of Richard Footman, Esquire, auctioneer for the district of the township of Moyamensing, for the State duty upon goods sold at auction between the fifth day of October and thirty first of December, 1789, amounting to twenty-eight pounds nineteen shillings and three pence.

Of Samuel Turbutt, Esquire, for Excise collected in the county of Lancaster, from the thirtieth of May, the time of his last settlement to the third of October, 1789, amounting to seven hundred and fifteen pounds fifteen shillings and eleven pence.

Of Robert Hunter, for a rifle gun, a shot pouch, canteen, powder horn, and one blanket, which were lost in actual service in September, 1777, when he was taken prisoner by the British troops, amounting to four pounds six shillings and six pence.

Of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds, being for one quarter's salary as Chief Justice of the State, ending the twenty-fifth instant, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer.

Of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one quarter salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the twenty-fifth instant, amounting to one hundred and fifty pounds, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 30th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Amos Gregg,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
William Findley,	Zebulun Potts,	
Jonas Hartzell,	James Martin, and	
Lord Butler,	Henry Taylor,	

Agreeably to the order of the day Council proceeded to the appointment of an inspector of pott and pearl ashes, under an Act of General Assembly passed the twenty-second day of February last, and the ballots being taken for the several candidates; it appeared that Joseph Leacock was duly elected to that office.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow Council will go into the appointment of two additional auctioneers, one for the city and one for the Northern Liberties, agreeably to Act of General Assembly passed the twenty-seventh instant.

Christian Febiger, Esquire, Treasurer of the State, attended and informed Council that he had received notice to meet the subscribers to the manufacturing fund at the College this evening, and requesting to know if Council had any instructions to give him respecting the shares subscribed for on the account of the State; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the said Treasurer be authorised and requested to attend the said meeting in behalf of the State.

Upon the petition of Thomas Morgan, and a recommendation from a number of respectable inhabitants of Chester county, for the pardon of the petitioner who was convicted of receiving money which had been stolen in the said county; it was

Resolved, That the said Thomas Morgan be, and he is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 31st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watts,	
Zebulun Potts,	James Martin,	
Jonas Hartzell,	William Wilson,	
Richard Willing,	Amos Gregg,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Finley,	
Henry Taylor,	Lord Butler,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds sixteen shillings and four pence, being the amount of his account for his wages as Doorkeeper to Council, from the first to the thirty-first of March, 1789, and for cash paid for sweeping two chimneys and carrying in fire wood.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the appointment of an additional auctioneer for the city of Philadelphia, under an Act of General Assembly passed the twenty-seventh instant, and the ballotts being taken for the several candidates for that office, it appeared that Joseph Dean was duly elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the appointment of an additional auctioneer for the Northern Liberties be postponed until to-morrow.

Upon the second reading of the petition of John Thorn, who was convicted of an assault and battery upon a certain negro Tom, praying remission of the fine of three pounds to which he was sentenced for the said offence by the last Mayor's Court, and the recommendation of a number of respectable citizens in his behalf; it was

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 1st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Zebulun Potts,	James Martin,	
Jonas Hartzell,	William Wilson,	
Richard Willing,	Amos Gregg,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Finley, and	
Henry Taylor,	Lord Butler,	

Agreeably to the order of the day Council proceeded to the appointment of an additional auctioneer for the Northern Liberties,

under an Act of General Assembly passed the twenty-seventh day of March last, and the ballots being taken for the several candidates for that office, it appeared that John Chaloner was duly elected.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Miles, Esquire, for sixty-seven pounds ten shillings in full for his attendance in Council from the first day of January untill the last day of March, 1790, inclusively.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report of the Committee appointed on the twenty-second of last month, to confer with a Committee of the General Assembly relative to a disagreement in opinion between the Comptroller General and Register General on the meaning of the fourth section of the Act of Assembly passed the thirtieth of September, 1789, be adopted and entered at large on the minutes of Council, which report is in the words following, to wit:

Your Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the General Assembly, report:

That your Committee did, in a free conference, make it appear that the Supreme Executive Council had not been inattentive to the execution of the law entitled a supplement to an act entituled An Act for the appointment of a Register General for the purpose of registering the accounts of this State.

That by letters from the Comptroller and Register General, Council had been informed that a difference of opinion subsisted between those officers, respecting the meaning of the fourth section of the said law; that Council by their Committee examined into the complaint, heard the parties and the reasons urged by them in support of their several opinions.

That Council, after the most mature examination into the meaning of the law, found themselves incompetent to define with precision its true design, it appearing to them that the duty which the Register required from the Comptroller, was no where explicitly enjoined, but inferred by a doubtful implication; that it seemed in the terms too obscure, and the meaning of the Legislature too uncertain, to warrant any measures being taken to enforce the opinion of the Register General.

That Council, for their further satisfaction, had called for the opinion of the Attorney General, which was so expressed as greatly confirm their apprehension of the doubtfulness of the expressions in the law. Your Committee presented the official opinion of the Attorney General unto the Committee of the General Assembly.

Your Committee also suggested that Council would have made this subject a part of the message which they had the honor of transmitting to the General Assembly, if they had not thought it more proper to make it the subject of a conferrence which they designed to request, but were prevented from doing so by the manner in which the business had been introduced before the Legislature.

Your Committee recommend the enacting of a new law, respecting the duties of office which are misunderstood by the Comptroller and Register Generals, as the only effective mode in which the Legislature could express their meaning, and suggested the necessity of the duties of office being so clearly defined, as to render departures therefrom by the officers inexcusable, and so as to enable the Executive Council to compel obedience.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 3rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	Henry Taylor,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts,	
Abraham Smith,	James Martin,	
Zebulun Potts,	Amos Gregg,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Samuel Edie, and	
Lord Butler,	William Wilson,	

A letter from Mr. Secretary Jefferson to the President of the State, dated the thirtieth of March last, inclosing a German letter signed John Gunther, soldier of the Swiss regiment Hirzel, in the service of the United Netherlands, relative to some property in this State, supposed to belong to him, was received and read, and the same referred to the Secretary to take order thereon.

A transcript from the journals of the Assembly, containing a report of a committee, and a resolution of the House dated the thirty-first of March last, authorizing Council to appoint three skilfull persons Commissioners to examine and survey the waters of the Quittapahilla, Swatara, part of Susquehanna and Juniata rivers, the waters of Sinnamahoning creek, some of the waters of Allegany river, Presque Isle, &c., and also three other Commissioners to explore the country near the head waters of Delaware river, Equinunk creek, and the Lehigh, was received and read, and Tuesday next appointed for going into the appointment of the said Commissioners.

Agreeably to an act of the General Assembly passed the twenty-seventh of March last, John Cannon, Benjamin Burd, and William Elliott, Esquires, were this day appointed Commissioners to audit and settle the accounts of the Commissioners, Treasurer, and Wood Rangers, of the county of Bedford, relative to the county taxes and monies arising therefrom, and from the sale of stray horses, prior to the twentieth of September, 1787, on which day the county of Huntingdon was erected, which monies are to be di-

vided by the said commissioners between the counties of Bedford and Huntingdon, in the manner divided by the said act, after making the deductions therein provided for.

Blair McClenachan and William Ralston, were offered as sureties for Joseph Dean, Esquire, Auctioneer for the city of Philadelphia, and Thomas Lea and Leonard Dorsey, for John Chaloner, Esquire, Auctioneer for the Northern Liberties; and it was agreed to accept of them as such.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 5th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	
James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Abraham Smith,	James Martin,	
Zebulun Potts,	Richard Willing, &	
Lord Butler,	Samuel Edie,	
Henry Taylor,		

Mr. Edie was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the present month.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Mary Mackey, administratrix of John Mackey, deceased, for the pay of the said John Mackey as an eighteen months' man, in the late army of the United States, amounting to thirty-six pounds.

Of Robert Martin, Esquire, for his own services and the wages of six men employed in December, 1775, in pursuance of a resolution of Assembly of the late province of Pennsylvania, dated November the twenty-fifth, 1775, for enforcing the laws of Pennsylvania against the Connecticut settlers at and near Wyoming, and for supplies of provisions, forage and stores for the said men, amounting to eighty-two pounds thirteen shillings and eight pence, as settled by the said Comptroller and Register General, according to act of General Assembly passed the twenty-seventh day of March last.

Of Aaron Levy, for supplies furnished to the said men under the said resolution of Assembly, by order of the Justices of Northumberland county, in December, 1775, amounting to forty-four pounds twelve shillings and five pence, as settled by the Comptroller and Register General, according to the said act of Assembly.

A letter from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, dated the third instant, informing Council that he has appointed Moses McClean, Esquire, to be Deputy Surveyor of the townships of Cumberland, Franklin, Hamilton, Bann, Manallin, Tyrone, Straban, Mount Pleasant, Mountjoy, Germany, Heidleberg, Manheim, and Codorus, in the county of York, and submitting the said appointment to Council for their approbation, agreeably to act of General Assembly passed the eighth day of April, 1785, was received and read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Council approve of the said appointment.

Upon the second reading of the report of the Committee to whom was referred the letter from the Comptroller General, informing Council that a number of public certificates were deposited with the late Treasurer for the security of a sum of money due from Francis Wade to the Commonwealth, for which judgment hath been obtained and execution issued,

Resolved, That the assignees of Francis Wade be informed that unless the demand of the Commonwealth against him be satisfied within three months, orders will issue by Council to the late Treasurer to dispose of the said certificates for the benefit of the State.

A draft of a letter to the Speaker of the General Assembly, was laid before Council and adopted, as follows, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, April 5th, 1790.

SIR:—Council requests a conferrence this morning with a Committee of the General Assembly on that part of their message to the Legislature of the twenty-fifth day of August, 1789, which relates to the gunpowder magazine

I am Sir, with great respect,

Your most obedient humble servant,

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Hon'ble the Speaker of the General Assembly.

On motion,

Resolved, That Colonel Miles, Colonel Smith, and Mr. Read, be appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee of Assembly when appointed, on the subject aforesaid.

A letter from Zebulun Butler, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Luzerne, relative to a division of the second battalion of the militia of that county, and inclosing a certificate of the election of Elisha Blackman, to be first Lieutenant, and Abraham Bradley, second Lieutenant of the Light Infantry company, of Colonel Hollenback's battalion of the militia of that county, was received and read, and commissions directed to issue agreeably thereto.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 6th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Lord Butler,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	Jonas Hartzell,	
James Read,	Henry Taylor,	
James Martin,	Samuel Edie, and	
Richard Willing,	William Wilson,	

The following letter from the Comptroller General was received and read, viz:

SIR:—Either thro' my mistake in reporting, or the error of the person who drew the orders of Council, the following three pensioners had each orders for a larger sum than then they were entitled to, upon which I wrote above the sum, (say the sum to which they were respectively entitled,) to prevent them receiving more at the Treasury then they ought; the orders were,

		Orders.		
April 23rd, 1789,	Robert Frazier,	£9 17 6	on which entered	£9 7 6
May 2nd, 1789,	George Grace,	6 4 0	do.	1 19 5
do.	Paul Pimple,	1 10 0	do.	1 4 0
		17 11 6		
		12 10 11		
		£5 0 7	amount deducted.	

I also inclose two orders which were drawn by mistake, a second time, for the same thing that they may be cancelled, and that with the other business, such entry may be made thereof as shall be thought proper; the orders returned are,

March 8th, 1788, Mary Sloan,	£60 0 0
December 22nd, do., Edward Kellon,	3 7 6
	£63 7 6

I have the honor to be with great respect,
Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

Comptroller General's office, April 6th, 1790. JOHN NICHOLSON.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Henry Taylor, for the sum of fifty-five pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council, from the twen-

ty-third day of January untill the sixth day of April, 1790, inclusively.

The reports of the Comptroller and Register General's upon the following accounts, were read and approved:

Of Captain Jacob Ladick, for the pay and bounty of his company of Berks county militia, while employed in the service of the United States, under the command of Colonel Smuel Ely, from the first untill the seventeenth of October, 1781, including their extra pay, amounting in the whole to the sum of three hundred and thirty-two pounds nine shillings and four, of which having received thirty-eight pounds thirteen shillings and six pence, there remains due to the said company, two hundred and ninety-four pounds five shillings and ten pence.

Of James Douglass, for militia services as a Captain in the second battalion of Cumberland county militia, amounting to two pounds.

Council being informed that several warrants or orders for the payment of money drawn by direction of the Board, and signed by the President, have been altered by the Comptroller General without the instruction of Council.

Resolved, That Colonel Miles, Colonel Smith and Colonel Wilson, be a committee to enquire into the truth of that information, and to report a state of the facts.

James Archer, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace, and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Washington, upon a return made according to law, from the district of the township of Franklin, in the said county.

George Woods, Esquire, was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace, and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Bedford, upon a return made according to law, from the district of the town of Bedford, in the said county.

Council resumed the consideration of the resolution of the General Assembly of the thirty-first of March last; and thereupon, Timothy Matlack, John Adlum and Samuel Maclay, were appointed commissioners to examine and survey the waters of Quittapahilla, Swatara, part of Susquehanna and Juniata rivers, the waters of Sinnamahoning creek, part of the waters of Allegany rivers, Presque Isle, &ca., Frederick Antes, Reading Howell and William Dean, were also appointed commissioners to explore the county near the head waters of the Delaware river, and East Branch of the Susquehanna, and of the Lehigh and Schuylkil rivers, agreeably to the directions of the said resolution of Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 7th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Amos Gregg,	William Wilson,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	Lord Butler,	
James Martin,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Frederick Watts, Esquire, for fifty-four pounds, in full for his attendance in Council, from the twenty-six of January to the seventh of April, 1790, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Jonas Hartzell, Esquire, for seventeen five pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council, from the first of January to the seventh of April, 1790, inclusively, and mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home at this time.

A petition from Martha Biles, of the county of Bucks, stating that she purchased a tract of sixteen acres of land in the said county, which was seized and sold by George Wall, Esquire, as the confiscated estate of her late husband, Samuel Biles, that a certain William Biles is in possession of four acres of the said land which he refuses to deliver up, and praying the assistance of this Board, to cause possession to be given her, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the sixth day of March, 1778, being read, and the said act being considered,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the county of Bucks, do give possession of the said premises, to the said Martha Biles, in due form of law, she paying the incidental expences.

Joseph Dean, elected auctioneer for the city of Philadelphia, offered Paul Cox and John Stille as sureties, in lieu of Blair M'Clanachan & William Ralston, and it was agreed to accept them as such.

Upon the second reading of the petition of Barbara Peters, praying remission of a fine of three pounds, to which she was sentenced for an assault and battery upon Susanna Esler and Rosanna Sowerman, by the last Mayor's Court; it was

Resolved, To remit the said fine.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 8th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Amos Gregg,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	James Martin,	
Lord Butler,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	William Wilson,	
Christopher Kucher,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Lord Butler, Esquire, for forty-one pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the seventeenth of February untill the eighth of April, 1790, inclusively, and mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be directed to attend Council to-morrow at ten o'clock to assign his reasons for altering three warrants which were drawn on the Treasurer of the State by order of the Board, and signed by the Vice President in Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Commissioners who were appointed by Council on the sixth instant, to carry into execution the resolution of the Assembly of the thirty-first of March last, for ascertaining the most practicable communication between the eastern and western limits of the State, be allowed seventeen shillings and six per diem for their services in that business, including their personal expences, and that the charges which may necessarily arise from the hire of horses, boats and assistants, be allowed.

Sharp Delany, Esquire, was requested to lay before Council a copy of the list of pensioners of this State, which he has received from the Secretary of the War office; and Colonel Miles and Colonel Willing were appointed a committee to compare the same with the original orders in the office of the Comptroller General.

Thomas Clingan and Patrick McSherry were offered and accepted as sureties for Moses McClean, Esquire, who was appointed Surveyor of the county of York on the fifth instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 9th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles.	William Wilson,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watts,	Amos Gregg, and	
Samuel Edie,	James Read,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Abraham Smith, Esquire, for the sum of seventy-three pounds ten shillings, being the amount of his account for attendance in Council from the fifteenth of December, 1789, to the fifth of January, 1790, and from the third of February untill the ninth of April, 1790, inclusively, and his mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Robert Thorn, for the sum of forty pounds twelve shillings and eight pence, payable out of the fund specially appropriated by law for the payment of claims and improvements, as soon as that fund shall become productive, being the sum granted to him by an act of the General Assembly passed the fifth day of April instant, to reimburse him for money expended in improving the navigation of the river Delaware at Well's and Howell's Falls.

The reports of the Comptroller and Register General upon the following accounts, which they have settled according to an act of the General Assembly passed the twenty-seventh of March last, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Laughlin McCartney, for supplies of provisions and liquors furnished to the men employed in December, 1775, under the Proprietary government, to enforce the laws of Pennsylvania against the Connecticut settlers, at and near Wioming, in pursuance of a resolution of the then Assembly dated the twenty-fifth of November, 1775, amounting to eighty-eight pounds three shillings and a penny.

Of Frederick Stone, for victualling the said men and forage furnished for their horses, amounting to sixteen pounds three shillings and six pence.

Of William McKim, for supplies of cloathing for the said men, while employed as aforesaid, amounting to fifty-nine pounds nine shillings and seven pence.

Of Captain John Simpson, for supplies of provisions and forage for the men employed as aforesaid, amounting to eight pounds eleven shillings and three pence.

Of Captain Thomas Gaskins, for his own services on the said expedition, for provisions furnished to his company employed as aforesaid, and for the hire of a boat and wages of two boatmen, &c., amounting to twenty-eight pounds five shillings.

Mr. Nicholson attended agreeably to the order of yesterday, and informed Council that upon the returns of the orders in question to his office, he discovered that they were drawn for larger sums than were actually due, he therefore made alterations on the orders agreeably to the sums due; that it was on Saturday, after Council had adjourned, that two of the orders were altered, on the agreement of the parties that they would take the orders so reduced rather than wait.

On application of Justus Beutnitz, a certificate was granted to him of his having on the first of July, 1789, obtained a licence from this Board to follow the employment of a pedlar, on foot, within this Commonwealth, untill the thirtyeth of June, 1790, it appearing to Council by his affidavit produced to them that the original licence has been lost.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 10th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	Esq'r.
James Read,	Richard Willing,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Samuel Edie,	Frederick Watts,	
William Wilson,		

The Register and Comptroller General's report upon the account of Jacob Haller, Captain of a company of Northampton county militia, for his services in warning the said company to attend militia duty in the years 1780 and 1781, and for bawling arms & ammunition for the use of the militia of said county in the year 1782, by order of Robert Levers, Esquire, amounting to twelve pounds ten shillings, was read and approved.

Upon the second reading of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Weitzle of Northumberland county, praying payment for a quantity of provisions furnished to John Van Campen, who was appointed Commissary for supplying the militia sent to Wyoming in the year 1784, for which provisions the said Van Campen received from the State the sum of fifty-eight pounds sixteen shillings,

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be directed to call on John Van Campen, of Northampton county, to refund the sum of fifty-eight pounds sixteen shillings, overpaid him on his account as Commissary for furnishing provisions to the militia sent to Wyoming in the year 1784.

Agreeably to an act of General Assembly passed the fifth instant, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Messieurs Turnbull, Marmie and Company, for the sum of one thousand three hundred and seventeen pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence, payable out of the fund of five thousand pounds, annually set apart, and particularly appropriated for claims and improvements, being the amount of their claim against the State for money unpaid upon a warrant drawn by the Board of Treasury of the United States on Thomas Smith, Esquire, Continental Loan Officer, and by him accepted and placed to the credit of this State in account with the United States, which warrant was dated the first of June, 1787, and granted to them for supplies furnished to a part of the Continental Army.

The fine of four shillings and six pence imposed upon John Montgomery, now confined in the jail of this city for larceny, was remitted agreeably to the prayer of his petition; it appearing by a certificate from the jailor that his time of servitude is expired.

Doctor Gregg and Mr. Read were appointed a committee to superintend the examination of such certificates of debts due by the United States, as have been received in payment for lands, and lodged in the Comptroller General's Office, as the property of this State, and which by the act of Assembly of the first day of April, instant, the Comptroller General is required to deliver over to the Treasurer of the State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 12th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
James Read,	William Wilson,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Samuel Edie,	Frederick Watts,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of His Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, for the sum of three hundred and

seventy-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as Vice President of the State, for which sum he is to account.

Agreeably to the Register and Comptroller General's reports of the eight instant, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Cunningham, Esquire, for the sum of one thousand and eighty-eight pounds ten shillings, payable according to act of Assembly dated the third of March last, "out of the fund appropriated for claims and improvements, by an act entituled an act to appropriate divers funds accruing and growing due to this Commonwealth towards the expences of government, and provide a fund for other purposes 'so as not to interfere with the appropriation of part of the said fund made and directed by an act entituled an act to appropriate the sum of five thousand pounds annually, therein mentioned, any act or part of an act to the contrary notwithstanding,'" being the amount of his account for surveying three hundred and eleven tracts of land in his district of depreciation lands, numbered from 310 to 620 inclusive.

Agreeably to an act of General Assembly passed the thirtieth of March last, entitled "an act to authorise the sale of the barracks in the borough of Lancaster, and the lot or lots on which they are erected, and for other purposes therein mentioned," John Miller and James Cunningham, Esquires, were appointed Commissioners to expose to public sale, and sell to the highest bidder the aforesaid lot or lots of ground and the barracks thereon erected, and upon payment of the purchase money for the same in full, to make good and effectual conveyances for every such lot or lots to the purchasers thereof respectively.

Upon the second reading of a petition from Samuel Preston, of the county of Northampton, praying Council to appoint him a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the said county of Northampton, and for the county of Luzerne, in order that he may be enabled to take acknowledgements of deeds in the unsettled parts of those counties for the convenience of the persons making the same, and the purchasers who may reside at a great distance from a justice of the said court, and the petitioner being recommended to Council as a person well qualified for the said office; it was

Resolved, That the said Samuel Preston be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Northampton.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 13th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watts,	
Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	Amos Gregg,	
Samuel Edie,		

Agreeably to the Register and Comptroller General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the twenty-fifth of March last.

In favor of John Nicholson Esquire, for the sum of two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Comptroller General of the accounts of this State, ending the thirteenth instant.

In favor of William Banks, for thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, being one quarter's salary due to him for his services in the Register General's office from the fifth of November, 1790, to the fifth of February, 1790.

A memorial from a Committee of the subscribers to the Manufacturing fund, stating the probability of their factory having been burnt by design, and accompanied by a threatning letter, directed to an agent of the company, was laid before Council, and the same being read, it was

Resolved unanimously, That a Proclamation be forthwith issued, offering a reward of three hundred dollars for apprehending and prosecuting to conviction the incendiary or incendiarys, their aiders and abettors, and a reward of one hundred dollars for apprehending and securing the author of the said letter, with a full and free pardon to all accomplices who shall make a discovery and prosecute to conviction, as aforesaid.

A draft of a Proclamation was accordingly laid before Council, and being read, was agreed to, as follows, vizt:

Pennsylvania, ss:

By the President and Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, By the affidavit of John Anderson, taken according to law, it appears that a threatning letter was on the night of the eleventh instant, put under the door of Francis Bailey, directed to

John Taylor, one of the persons who had contracted with the subscribers to the Manufacturing fund in Philadelphia, to carry on the business of the factory:

And whereas, There is great reason to believe that the fire by which the buildings occupied as the factory, as aforesaid, were consumed, on the night of the twenty-fourth ultimo, was occasioned by some villain or villains:

And whereas, As it is of the utmost importance that the perpetrators of such atrocious crimes should be brought to condign punishment: We have, therefore, thought proper to offer, and do hereby offer, a reward of One Hundred Dollars for discovering the author or authors of the said letter, and also a reward of Three Hundred Dollars for discovering the person or persons who wilfully and maliciously set fire to the said factory, to be paid on conviction for the same; and over and above the said reward, we do hereby promise a free and full pardon to any one of the persons concerned in the said letter or setting fire to the factory, their aiders, abettors and comforters, who shall discover, apprehend and secure any other or others of the said offenders, so that he or they shall be convicted as aforesaid: And we do hereby charge and require all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs and Constables, to make diligent search and enquiry after, and to use their utmost endeavors to apprehend and secure the said offenders, their aiders, abettors and comforters, and every of them, so that they may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council under the hand of His Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this thirteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and of the Commonwealth the fourteenth.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Attest:—CHARLES BIDDLE, Secretary.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 14th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	
Jonas Hurtzell,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg, and	
Richard Willing,	Samuel Edie,	
Frederick Watts,		

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of the General Assembly of the sixth instant, relative to a gun-powder Maga-

zine, reported that a lot on Walnut street, and bordering on the river Schuylkill, the property of Colonel John Patton, was the most proper place that could be procured for erecting thereon a Powder Magazine: Whereupon,

It was agreed that the Committee be authorized and instructed to negotiate the purchase of the said lot, on the following principles, vizt:—Council to nominate two disinterested persons on the part of the State, Colonel Patton to nominate two persons, the four to chose a fifth person, and the five persons to ascertain the value of the lot in question.

Upon the petition and recommendation of a number of respectable inhabitants of the borough of Carlisle, in the county of Cumberland, for the pardon of a certain George Mason, who was convicted in the said county of larceny, and sentenced in October, 1788, to two years and nine months hard labour, &ca.,

Resolved, That the said George Mason be and he is hereby pardoned.

On motion,

Samuel Postlethwaite, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and General Jail Delivery of the county of Cumberland, in the room of John Agnew, Esquire, lately deceased.

A letter from Sharp Delany, Esquire, of the thirteenth instant, inclosing a letter from his Deputy, relative to the settlement of his accounts, and requesting a direction to the Comptroller to report on the said accounts, was read; whereupon, the Secretary was directed to inform the Comptroller General that Council wish to have information relative to the settlement of Colonel Delany's account, and to know the reasons why that settlement has been delayed.

The Committee to whom was referred the copy of the list of pensioners furnished to Council by Sharp Delany, Esquire, taken from and compared with the list which he received from the War Office of the United States, made report, which was read and adopted as follows, vizt:

The Committee to whom was referred the business of the Comptroller General respecting the pensioners' pay, &ca., having examined sundry papers relative thereto, and such of his books as he presented to your Committee, report: They find errors in his books to the amount of thirteen pounds thirteen shillings against the Commonwealth as stated by himself; and further, your Committee report that the Comptroller General has produced to the Executive Council a variety of accounts for sundry persons said to be pensioners and invalids, for which, in consequence thereof, orders have issued for payment on the Treasurer, when at the same time it does not appear he was authorised for so doing, not having orders from any court for his justification.

Resolved unanimously, That Council highly disapprove the conduct of the Comptroller General in stating and reporting to this Council larger sums to be due to invalid pensioners than have been warranted by orders of the Supreme Court or of any Orphans' Court; and that the said Comptroller General be considered as responsible to the Commonwealth for all sums so over-stated, and which have been or may be paid by the State Treasurer in consequence thereof.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 15th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Jonas Hartzell,	William Wilson, and	
Richard Willing,	Samuel Edie,	

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of State of the sixth instant, inclosing two copies of the act to accept a cession of the claims of the State of North Carolina to a certain district of western territory, and of the act to prevent the exportation of goods not duly inspected according to the laws of the several States, was received and read, and a letter written by the President acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and inclosures.

A petition from Philip Fordenbaugh, of the county of Dauphine, praying that Council would be pleased to remit a fine of ten pounds which has been imposed upon him by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, upon being convicted of fornication and bastardy, was read, with a recommendation from four of the Justices of the said Court in his favor; it was thereupon,

Resolved, That the aforesaid fine of ten pounds be and the same is hereby remitted.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of General Assembly of the sixth instant, relative to the purchase of a suitable lot whereon to erect a gunpowder magazine, and who were instructed to consider of proper persons to ascertain the value of Colonel Patton's lot offered to Council for the purpose aforesaid, reported the names of the following gentlemen, vizt: Israel Wheelen and

Hugh Roberts, on the part of the State, and on the part of Colonel Patton, James Craig, junior, and William Hall.

Council resumed the consideration of the business relative to the conduct of the Comptroller General, when a motion was made by Colonel Miles, seconded by Colonel Willing, in the following words, vizt:

Whereas, It appears from a report of a Committee of the General Assembly, that there is a want of that order, regularity, method and arrangement in the transactions of the Comptroller General, which is necessary in the transacting of public business:

And whereas, The Comptroller General has neglected to furnish the Register General with the ballances of accounts directed by an Act of General Assembly passed the twenty-ninth day of September, 1789, to be forthwith furnished:

And whereas, The said Comptroller General has been detected of defacing and altering sundry warrants on the Treasury of this State, drawn by direction of the Supreme Executive Council, and signed by the Vice President without the knowledge or instruction of this Board:

And whereas, It appears that the said Comptroller General did certify to this Board in sundry instances pensions to be due to invalid soldiers, in consequence of which orders have been issued on the Treasury for sums not warranted by certificates of the Supreme or Orphans' Court agreeably to law; therefore,

Resolved, That John Nicholson, Esquire, be and he is hereby dismissed and removed from the office of Comptroller General of this State, and the said office is hereby declared to be vacant.

Whereupon it was moved by Doctor Gregg, seconded by Zebulun Potts, to postpone the consideration of the said motion in order to introduce the following, vizt:

Whereas, It appears to this Council from the arrangement made in the Treasury Department, by the Act of Assembly of the first day of April, 1790, that so soon as the account between this State and the United States, shall be adjusted and prepared for settlement by the Comptroller General that the duties of the said office may without difficulty, be performed by the Treasurer of the State and the Register General, and the abolition of the said office will save a considerable expence to the State; therefore,

Resolved, That Council will recommend to the General Assembly at their next meeting the abolition of the office of Comptroller General, so soon as the account between the United States and this State shall be adjusted and prepared for settlement.

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be directed to proceed with all possible expedition in adjusting and prepairing for settlement all accounts between the United States and this State.

Resolved, That a Committee of Council be appointed to examine the State and situation of the Comptroller General's office, and to report whether the said office has been conducted with that order,

regularity, method and arrangement which are necessary in the transacting of public business.

And on the question, will Council agree to the postponement for the purpose aforesaid? the yeas and nays were as follows, vizt:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. President,	Mr. Vice President,	Mr. Kucher, &
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Watts,	Mr. Miles.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Read,	
Mr. Potts,	Mr. Hartzell,	
Mr. Edie,	Mr. Willing,	
Mr. Gregg,	Mr. Wilson,	

So it was determined in the negative.

The motion made by Colonel Miles, seconded by Mr. Willing, recurring on the question, "will Council adopt the same," the yeas and nays were as follows, vizt:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Vice President,	Mr President,	Mr. Hartzell,
Mr. Willing,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Potts,
Mr. Miles,	Mr. Watts,	Mr. Gregg,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Edie.
Mr. Kucher.	Mr. Martin,	

So it was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Colonel Smith, seconded by General Watt, in the following words, to wit:

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be informed by Mr. Secretary, that Council highly disapprove of his conduct in altering three orders signed by Mr. Vice President in Council, and although the reasons assigned by him for so doing, tend to shew that he had no intention of injuring the community, yet Council think it necessary to instruct him in every instance of similar errors being discovered by him in orders drawn by direction of Council upon his reports, or those of the Register General, to give information of such errors to Council, that they may be corrected by the proper authority.

It was then moved by Colonel Miles, seconded by Mr. Vice President, to amend the said proposed resolution, by adding after *so doing*, the words *if true*. And on the question, to agree to the said amendment, the yeas and nays were as follows, vizt:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Vice President,	Mr. President,	Mr. Gregg,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Potts,
Mr. Miles,	Mr Kucher,	Mr. Hartzell,
Mr. Edie,	Mr. Watt,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Willing.	Mr. Read,	

So it was determined in the negative.

And on the question, "will Council adopt the original motion made by Colonel Smith, seconded by General Watts," the yeas and nays were as follows, to wit:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. President,	Mr. Hartzell,	Mr. Vice President.
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Potts,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Watts,	Mr. Gregg,	Mr. Willing,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Edie.	Mr. Kucher,
Mr. Martin,		Mr. Miles.

So it was determined in the affrmative.

On motion,

Resolved, That the letter from the Comptroller General to Council of the twelfth instant, be entered at large on the minutes of Council, which letter is in the following words, to wit:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith do myself the honor to lay before you, my books volume 1 and 2, in which the accounts of the pensioners have been kept, and as a difficulty arises respecting some of those accounts, wish them to be also laid before the Honorable the Council, that the whole may be open to their inspection.

The return which I made to the War office, which is said to differ from the orders of Court, was drawn out agreeably to a blank form prescribed by the Sceretary at War, and which I received from your Honorable Board. It was delivered by me to Council and by them forwarded to the War office. It contained an abstract from these books exhibiting each disabled pensioner, and the aggregate of the payments to them respectively, from June, 1786, the date of last preceeding return untill it was made, December the seventh, 1789, as there were various changes in the monthly pension of several of them in the colume prescribed in the form, for the rate of pension per month, I set down each rate one after the other, which hath no doubt caused them to return the highest rate in some cases, instead of the existing allowance.

I have examined and compared the return of pensioners received from you on Saturday, with my books, and find that the return from Sharp Delany, Esquire, have exhibited the augmented pension of the following persons, who in virtue of orders of Orphans' Court herewith received while they were doing duty in the guards, the full pension of five dollars each, amounting beyond the pension they were entitled to when not on said duty, as follows, vizt:

Folio in books.

41, Joseph Simpson,	£9 7 9
57, James Glover, from 1st January, 1787, till 1st April, 1789,	19 10 0
117, William Murray, from 1st August, 1786, till 1st August 1787,	13 10 0
119, Harminus Thornton, from 1st May, 1787, till first of April, 1788, is £12 7 6, afterwards rejoined £5 12 6 more,	18

125, James Sheridan, from 12th June, 1786, till 1st of May, 1787,	7	19	
133, Peter Wemer, " 23rd November, 1787,	12	16	9
152, John Lanes, " 12th June, 1786,	38	18	6
154, Charles Wallington, 1 month & 2 days,	1	6	
155, Paul Pimple, from 20th November, 1786, till the 8th October, 1787,	11	18	6
158, William Brooks, 1st September, 1786, till 1st November, 1788,	28	17	6
160, George Grace, 1st November, 1786, till 15th September, 1788,	25	10	3
168, John Vineal, 16th October, 1787,	3	17	3
169, Frederick Fultz, 6th December, 1787, till 1st of April, 1788,	1	8	9
200, John Buxton, 9th September, 1787, till 1st of Septem'r, 1788,	8	14	9
231, John Kusich, 23rd November, 1787,	20	1	6
232, Francis Ticout, 1st of October, 1788,	2	11	6
235, Joshua Peeling, 2 months,	1	10	
261, Samuel Alsop, 6th October, 1787,	16	9	7
262, Charles Prout, 10 April, 1787,	5	6	6
272, John M'Gaughey, 2nd July, 1787,	8	3	6
277, Thomas Harroll, 8 months,	6		
278, John Cartie, 1st April, 1787,	9	15	
287, Lawrence Smith, 1st February, 1787,	11	5	
288, Nicholas Neal, 6 months,	6	15	
289, William Hannon, 2 months & 2 days,	1	11	
304, Thomas Kelley, 5th of August, 1788,	7	11	
12, The following differences are thus explained: " George Keller, (see his account, he was paid up, & is due therefore difference,	11	5	
13, Godfrey M'Donald, do. do.	11	5	
182, John Gregg was allowed only four dollars p'r month, from the twenty-seventh of August, 1785, till the twenty-sixth of May, 1787, difference, This order lay with Sharp Delany, Esquire.	7	17	6
191, David Jackson was allowed four dollars p'r month, from June, 1785, till 1st November, 1787, difference, This order lay with Sharp Delany, Esquire.	10	13	
203, Charles Clarke was allowed in his order of Court, 716 more p'r month than was admissible by act of Assembly, or of Congress, difference,	37	0	6
258, John Williams was allowed only two dollars per month, from 10th of April, 1787, till 10th of April, 1788, difference, The said lay with Sharp Delany, Esquire,	4	10	

268, Conrad Grugg, (see his account, there was but £2 13 4 due him) difference,	1	16 8
	£84	7 8
Ballance of differences,	214	6 11
	£298	14 7

The three following are situated as therein stated:

Folio 167—Isaac Lewis. There is a mistake, either with Mr. Delany or in the return sent him from the War Office. In my return to the Secretary, his pension was stated at 25s per month, and, see his account, he never received more.

173—William Cougleton, private, was allowed half pay; that was equal to 25s per month, and that was the sum he received.

144—James English, Sergeant, was also allowed half pay; that was equal to five dollars per month, and was what he received.

268—Conrad Burg's name is inserted in the list a second time, but there is no remark opposite to it.

168—John Vincal, if I mistake not, when I gave him the certificate, told me his name was John Jacob Vineal, and I believe I called him so in my certificate.

From the books you will observe mistakes in the following accounts:

John Ruddeau,	£3	15	0
John Modewell,	1	17	6
John Malony,	0	8	0
Henry Dougherty,	7	10	0
Andrew Dale,	0	2	6
	£13	13	0

For the amount of these errors made by me, I hold myself accountable to the State, and have on the sixth ultimo given a list thereof to Mr. Delany, and requested him to endeavor to stop it at first payment of their pensions.

There is not any John Cook on the pensions list; there is a Jacob Cook, see folio 286, who hath been paid only to twenty-sixth of September, 1788, the time to which

There is no Thomas Nugent on the pension list. There is a John Nugent, see his account, folio 290; and he hath been paid only for one year, as ordered.

There is no James Townhill. There is a James Townehill, see folio 329; his pension hath been continued per the order inclosed, and paid per his account since the return was made to the War Office, and therefore not therein.

The following, per their accounts at the folio referred to, will appear not to have drawn farther than the times allowed by the Court.

228, John Fitzimmons, till the 1st of October, 1788.
274, Frederick Paul, 5th of April, do.
291, Jacob Rodgers, 2nd of January, 1789.
259, John Snyder, 10th of October, 1787.
341, John Stone, 4 of do. 1788.
297, Jacob Weidman, 21 of January, 1789.
18, John Smith, order not limitted.

On examining this day the orders of Court lately delivered to Sharp Delany, I find that there are in his possession orders continuing the pensions of

Thomas Jennings, for one year from January 2nd, 1789.
Alexander Thomas, one year from do. 5th, do.
Thomas Gaskins, one year from November 12th, 1788.
John Ross, continued from May 17th till May 1st, 1789.

Thomas McCormick had been paid only till April the eighth, 1788, when the return was made to the War office; see his account folio 260; since which his pension hath been continued, per order herewith inclosed, and hath been paid till the first of May, 1789.

The continuance of the pension from year to year, by the Supreme Court, was a matter of course, & designed principally to check, in case of the death of the pensioner; these orders continuing them, I find I have not been so particular about. I do not find them in my possession for the following, altho' some of them I perfectly recollect were produced. Mr. Burd informed me that he was authorized during the sessions of the court, on applications to him, to give certificates continuing their pensions till May the first, 1789; and I have applied to him for such a certificate in favor of these persons. I would just observe that in referring to the orders in Mr. Delany's possession, I find he hath likewise paid them without these orders of continuation, and he informed me that the Chief Justice had told him in substance what Mr. Burd had informed me about it from which he was authorized to do it:

Samuel Alsop, Thomas Kelly, James Smith, Alexander Caul, Henry Conkle, Thomas Mayberry, Isaac Lewis, William Bradley, John Taylor, Charles Proud, Jacob Betam, John Kusick, Luke Brodhead, Lawrence Smith, Andrew Dale and John McManus.

I applied to the Clerk of the Orphans' Court, on Saturday, for a copy of the orders authorizing the payment of the full pensions to the Invalids, while they were doing duty. I have received a copy of their first orders from the records, containing a number of them. As these persons afterwards went out, and others were called upon to do duty in the guards, it became necessary to extend the same justice to them also; and I applied personally to the Orphans' Court sitting, who without hesitation informed me that all such as should from to time be so called in, should during their

continuance therein be allowed the full pension, for altho' they were not so much disabled but that they might do something for their support by their own industry, yet that when their time was employed for the public they were not on a better footing of support than those wholly disabled. Several of them, besides their cloathing, &ca., had families, who must have suffered without some support from them. The Clerk recollects my personal application for this purpose, and hath been good enough to search diligently for the record thereof, but hath not found it yet; but that no difficulty might remain, I have applied also to the Supreme Court in behalf of such of the said pensioners as are not contained in the enclosed order, who now possess the power to allow it. If that should not be done, nor the order of the Orphans' Court found, nor testimony from the Clerk and Justices of the Orphans' Court who were present when I applied making it sufficiently clear, I shall hold myself accountable to the State for the amount; and altho' it will be hard on the poor fellows, I will recover it out of their future pensions.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, gentlemen, your most obedient servant.

JOHN NICHOLSON.
April 12th, 1790.

The Honorable the Committee of Council.

A letter from Peter Zachary Lloyd, Esquire, dated the fourteenth of April, 1790, inclosing his commission as a Captain of the Fifth company of foot in the first battalion of the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, and requesting Council to accept his resignation of the said office, was received and read, and an order taken that the said resignation be accepted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 16th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read, Samuel Edie, Amos Gregg, Frederick Watts, Christopher Kucher, Zebulun Potts, and Jonas Hartzell, Richard Willing, William Wilson, } Esquires.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the foling accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Thomas Gay, for his services as an eighteen months' man in the late army of the United States, in the years 1781, 1782 and 1783, amounting to forty-five pounds.

Of Robert Kendall, for two months' pay for his services in Captain Tagart's company of Bedford county militia, in June and July 1782, amounting to ten pounds thirteen shillings and six pence, including the State and Continental pay.

Agreeably to act of the General Assembly passed the twenty seventh of March last, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Reading Howell, for the sum of two hundred pounds, payable "out of the monies appropriated by law for claims and improvements, when the same shall become sufficiently productive," being part of the sum of three hundred pounds granted by the said act of Assembly, to enable him to proceed in the work he has undertaken of compiling a map of this State.

The Committee on the Gun-Powder Magazine made report of the value of Colonel Patton's lot, as ascertained by William Hall, James Craig, jun'r, Israel Wheelen and Hugh Roberts, vizt:

Five hundred and sixty-five pounds in specie, or the value thereof in paper money; whereupon, it was agreed unanimously, that the Committee be instructed to negotiate the purchase of the lot, on the terms fixed as above.

On motion,

Resolved, That Tuesday next be assigned for the consideration of the recommendation of some of the Justices and Attorneys at Law in the county of Bedford, in favor of George Woods, Esquire, for the appointment of President of the several Courts of said county.

On motion of Colonel Miles, seconded by Mr. Gregg,

Resolved unanimously, That all the proceedings in Council since the sixth instant, relative to the Comptroller General, be published by the Secretary, and to prevent mistakes, when the copy shall be made, that it be read in Council previous to its publication.

A draft of instructions to the Commissioners appointed by Council on the sixth instant, to view the Western waters, agreeably to resolution of Assembly of the thirty-first of March last, was laid before Council, and agreed to, as follows, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, April 16th, 1790.

Gentlemen:—Council having, in pursuance of the enclosed resolution of the General Assembly of the thirty-first day of March last, appointed you Commissioners for the purposes expressed in the first part of the said resolution, you will without delay proceed to the head of the Quittapahilla, and from thence to the Swatara, and down the Swatara to the Susquehanna, then passing over that part of the Susquehanna which has been already examined by the Commissioners appointed on the second of October, 1789, you will proceed to the mouth of the Juniata, where you are to recommence the examination proposed, and proceed up the Susquehanna to Sunburry, and thence up the West Branch to Cinnamahoning, and up

the same to the Canoe Place, (so called.) or such place on the main Branch or the West Branch of Cinnamahoning, as will connect most easily with any practicable branch of the Allegany, the Consua, Toby's creek, or any other which may discharge itself into the Allegany nearest the mouth of French creek; and thence examine French creek, up to Le Bœuff and the Portage to Presque Isle. You will also examine and explore any nearer and more convenient communication which may be effected by land or water with Lake Erie. You will then return down the Allegany, and examine the same from the mouth of French creek to the Kiskemanetas, and up the Kiskemanetas to the Conemaugh, and up the Conemaugh to its forks with Stony creek, and from the same by the nearest branches which be improved by Canal or lock navigation, to the shortest portage which may be found to the Frankstown Branch of Juniata river, at or near the mouth of Poplar run, where Patrick Cassady now lives, and down the Frankstown Branch of Juniata to the head of Water Street, where the Commissioners of last year concluded the report of their work.

If any difficultys occur in the execution of the duties required of you by these instructions, you will give information thereof to the Supreme Executive Council, that such difficulties may, if possible, be removed.

When you have compleated the business, you will make report to the Board of your proceedings, together with an estimate of the expences that may in your opinion be necessary to carry the said resolution into execution.

Council have thought proper to allow you seventeen shillings and six pence per diem for your services in this business, including your personal expences.

The charges which may necessarily arise from the hire of horses, boats and assistants, will be allowed by Council. At the same time it is earnestly recommended to you to avoid every unnecessary expence and delay.

I am, gentlemen, with great respect,

Your most obedient and most humble servant,

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

To Timothy Matlack, Samuel Maclay and John Adlum, Esquires.
Commissioners appointed to view the Western waters.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, April, Saturday 17th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, William Wilson,
Amos Gregg, Richard Willing, and
Samuel Miles, Zebulun Potts,
Samuel Edie, } Esquires.

Upon application of Timothy Matlack, in behalf of himself, Samuel Maclay and John Adlum, Esquires, Commissioners appointed by Council on the sixth day of April, instant, in pursuance of a resolution of Assembly of the thirty first day of March last, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in their favor for the sum of one hundred pounds, payable out of the six hundred pounds appropriated by the said resolution, and to be charged to the fund appropriated by act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth of September, 1789, for claims and improvements, towards defraying the expence of carrying the said resolution into execution, for which the said Commissioners are to account.

On motion of Mr. Miles, seconded by Mr. Gregg, it was

Resolved, That the preamble of the report of the Committee of the fourteenth instant, relative to the Comptroller General, be inserted on the minutes of Council, and that the same be published in its proper place with the other proceedings on that business, and that the letter from the Comptroller General to Council, of the sixth instant, acknowledging his having altered certain warrants of Council, be also entered on the minutes, in its proper place, and published with the said proceedings, according to its date.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 19th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Richard Willing,
Christopher Kucher, Samuel Edie,
Amos Gregg, William Wilson, and
Samuel Miles, Zebulun Potts, } Esquires.

Agreeably to the Register and Comptroller General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer:

In favor of James Duncan, for the sum of fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the tenth instant, as Clerk in the office of the Comptroller General, according to act of Assembly dated the fourth of April, 1785.

In favor of Alexander McClean, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and forty-three pounds four shillings, being the amount of his account for his services in surveying two tracts of land which were reserved for the use of the State, the one opposite Fort Pitt, and the other at Fort Mackingtosh; for running a meridian line, marking off the districts, &ca., between the depreciation and donation lands, for the pay to assistants, furnishing them with provisions, calculating and drafting.

The petition of Jonas Philips, praying to be appointed auctioneer for the district of Moyamensing in the county of Philadelphia, was read the second time, and it appearing that there is no vacancy in that district, Mr. Footman not having resigned his appointment; it was unanimously,

Resolved, That the said Jonas Philips have leave to withdraw his petition.

A letter from Henry Knox, Secretary at war of the fifteenth instant, inclosing a copy of a letter which has been forwarded by him to the Lieutenant of Washington county in this State, authorising him to embody any number of men not exceeding eight, for a temporary security to the frontiers of this State, was received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 20th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Richard Willing,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson, and	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Martin, Esquire, for fifty-four pounds fifteen shillings, being the amount of his account for attendance in Council from the seventh of February untill the twentieth of April, 1790, inclusively.

On motion of Colonel Wilson,

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be directed to furnish Council with an accurate list of all unclaimed certificates remaining in his hands; also, a list of all such certificates as have been

claimed agreeably to the act of Assembly of the twenty-fifth of March, 1786.

Upon the application of Anthony Wright, Quarter Master of the regiment of artillery of this city, for a quantity of gun powder for the purpose of firing minute guns during the procession of the funeral of Doctor Benjamin Franklin, it was agreed that the Secretary take order thereon.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Vice President, it was

Resolved, That George Woods, Esquire, who was appointed, on the sixth instant, a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas and of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the county of Bedford, be also appointed and commissionated President of the said Courts, and of the Orphans' Court of the county aforesaid, he being recommended to Council by a number of Justices and Attorneys at law in the said county, as a suitable person to fill the said office.

A petition from Galbreath Patterson in behalf of Mrs. Catherine Thompson, widow of the late Brigadier General William Thompson, deceased, was read; and thereupon it was

Resolved, That the following certificate be given to the petitioner by the Secretary, viz:

In pursuance of the directions of Council, I do certify that no warrant hath issued from the Board since the seventeenth of June, Anno Domini, 1789, to the State Treasurer to pay Mrs. Catherine Thompson her pension, which was decreed to her by the Orphans' Court of Cumberland county, as widow of Brigadier General Thompson, nor hath any determination in Council taken place against said decree of the Orphans' Court.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 21st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Zebulun Potts,
Amos Gregg, William Wilson,
Christopher Kucher, Samuel Edie,
Richard Willing, and } Esquires.

The Vice President produced reasons for voting in favor of the motion of Colonel Miles, for removing the Comptroller General from office; whereupon, it was

Resolved, unanimously, That they be entered on the Journals as follows, to wit:

Reasons for voting in favor of the proposed resolution for dismissing John Nicholson, Esquire, from the office of Comptroller General.

1st. Because it is essential to the rights of a free people whose Government is that of laws that they should be ruled by them, and not by the will of individuals. The moment this principle is disregarded, the will of the people, manifested by their laws, ceases to operate, and the rights of sovereignty are sacrificed by petty usurpers. When the power of dispensing with laws is assumed by private persons, chastisement should attend the offence; but when those who are intrusted to administer and sworn to execute them, dare to dispence therewith, this high crested assumption of power is of a nature still more criminal. It then becomes, in our opinion, the duty of those who are specially enjoined to see the laws faithfully executed, to remove from office any man whose conduct has manifested him to be unworthy of public trust and confidence.

In this light, we conceive ourselves bound to consider the present Comptroller General.

It appeared, on a former occasion, that he assumed the power of issuing a commission in his own name to a person as Commanding Officer of the Invalid Corps, of taking upon himself the supreme command & direction of the said Corps, and causing them to be employed under his own authority, and without that of the Civil Magistrate in the service of the Naval Officer, and in a manner not authorised by law

He has refused or neglected in direct contravention of a positive law, to furnish the Register General with the accounts of ballances directed by an act of the Legislature, passed the twenty-ninth of September, 1789, to be forthwith furnished, thereby preventing the salutary ends intended by the Legislature.

He has been detected of altering the sums expressed in several warrants or orders drawn upon the Treasurer of this State, by direction of the Supreme Executive Council, and signed by the Vice President.

He has, contrary to his duty and oath of office, (as we conceive,) returned to the Supreme Executive Council pensions due to invalids soldiers, in consequence whereof orders have been drawn on the Treasury, and the moneys been paid without certificates from any Court to justify such returns, when he well knew, as appears by his letter to Council, that his returns were false, thereby either assuming to himself a power which exclusively belongs to the Courts of law of determining who are entitled to pensions, or intending, by false returns, to impose on the Supreme Executive Council, and cause payment to be made contrary to law.

2ndly. Because, from the variety of important matters belonging to the office of Comptroller General, the Commonwealth and individuals are deeply interested in proper method and arrangement being observed in the transacting thereof, and in the books of the said office being kept in due and regular order. Yet, from the reports of different committees made to the Legislature and acted upon, it appears that he is guilty of great and dangerous omissions. From the extensive trusts committed to him, the safety of the people required that the best method should be observed in their execution; but from the confused and imperfect state of his books, all endeavors to detect fraud or error may be effectually baffled, and the public left to lament the maze in which they are inveloped.

3rdly. Because a report of a committee of this Council is, that the Comptroller General had produced to the Executive Council a variety of accounts for sundry persons said to be invalids and pensioners, for which, in consequence thereof, orders have issued for payment on the Treasury, when at the same time it did not appear he was authorized for so doing, not having orders from any Court for his justification, "was unanimously adopted, and the following resolution in like manner agreed to:"

"*Resolved*, That the Council highly disapprove the conduct of the Comptroller General, in stating and reporting to this Council larger sums to be due to invalid pensioners than have been warranted by orders of the Supreme Court, or any Orphans' Court, and that the said Comptroller General be considered as responsible to the Commonwealth for all monies so over-paid, and which have been paid by the State Treasurer in consequence thereof."

If this report and resolution are well founded, (which, with the unanimous voice of the Board in their favor will hardly be doubted,) they contain sufficient matter for removing the offenders, unless we are wrong in the supposition that offices are created for the good of the people, and not for the individuals who may happen to fill them. And we cannot, without betraying our trusts and the duties we owe to ourselves and our constituents, consent to the longer continuing a man in office who has shewn himself to be so unworthy of it.

4th. Because it appears by a letter read by a member in his place, in the hand writing of the Comptroller General, that he had not only advised the measure, but had been strenious in his endeavours to bring others into it, of taking up arms to prevent the free and unbias'd sentiments of the good people of this Commonwealth, being taken in the manner proposed by the General Assembly on the question of calling a convention to revise, and if there should be occasion to alter and amend the Constitution of this State, thereby endeavoring as much as in him lay, to cause a civil war, and to deluge the country in blood.

Conceiving the honor and dignity of the State to be wounded, her interests endangered, and encouragement to all others offen-

ders by so daring a one being longer continued in an office, the duties of which he has already betrayed; we have thought proper to assign these our reasons for voting for his dismission, and desire that they may be recorded in justification of our conduct.

GEORGE ROSS,
RICHARD WILLING,
SAMUEL MILES,
CHRISTOPHER KUCHER,
WILLIAM WILSON.

The Register and Comptroller General's report upon the account of the surveying fees of such lots as remain undrawn in the second district of Donation lands, due to the estate of John Henderson, deceased, late surveyor of that district, amounting to two hundred and eighty-one pounds ten shillings, was read and approved, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Shields, who is attorney to the administrators of the said deceased.

On motion,

Resolved, That the members of this Board wear a black crape round the left arm for one month, as mourning for Doctor Franklin, (deceased,) who was formerly President of the Board.

NOTE.—Mr. Gregg and Mr. Potts could not consistently agree to the said resolution.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 22nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie,	
Amos Gregg,	James Martin, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Richard Willing,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Zebulun Potts, Esquire, for one hundred and eleven pounds in full of his account for attendance in Council from the twenty first of November, 1789 to the twenty-second of April, 1790, the last day included (deducting six days' absence,) and for mileage twice coming to Philadelphia and going home since January last.

The Register and Comptroller General's reports upon the accounts for a bay horse, saddle and bridle, which he furnished to a corps of militia light horse in the late army, and which were taken

by the enemy in 1778, valued at sixteen pounds eight shillings, was read and approved.

The report of the committee on a memorial from Captain James Christie, respecting an order drawn in his favor for one hundred and sixteen pounds ten shillings, on the tenth of January, 1788, for the surveying fees of his district of Donation lands, which order has been detained by the Comptroller General on account of a claim of the Commonwealth against the said Christie, and which is now at issue on an amicable suit between the State and him, being mislaid,

It was on motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Edie,

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be directed to deliver the said order to Captain Christie so soon as he shall produce a certificate from the Attorney General that the said Christie hath given to him satisfactory security for complying with the award of the referrees or jury.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday April 23rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Amos Gregg,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulon Potts,	
Samuel Edie,	William Wilson, and	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	James Martin,	
James Read,		

Upon the second reading of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Messieurs Read and Forde, Merchants, praying repayment of the sum of fifty-four pounds seventeen shillings and five pence by the late collector of duties for this State, being for interest charged them on certain duties which became payable from them to the Commonwealth,

Resolved, That Sharp Delany, Esquire, the late State Collector be instructed to return to Messieurs Reed & Forde a deposit amounting to fifty-four pounds seventeen shillings and five pence, being the amount of interest money on certain duties which has not been received from any other person in a similar situation with themselves.

An account of Anthony Wright, Quarter-Master Serjeant to the regiment of artillery of this city, for powder, flannel, &c., supplied by order of Council on occasion of the funeral of Doctor Benjamin Franklin, amounting to twenty-two pounds nine shillings and eight pence, was laid before the Board; whereupon, an order was taken

that the Secretary pay the same, and charge it in his account of incidental expences.

A written application from Samuel Briggs for the delivery to him of a model of a machine for making nails, screws and gimblets, which was left in the care of the Secretary of Council agreeably to his memorial which accompanied it, to be delivered to the order of the Congress of the United States, or the General Assembly of this State, was presented to Council, and read; whereupon it was agreed that the Secretary deliver to Samuel Briggs the box above mentioned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 26th.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

Amos Gregg.	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
James Read,	William Wilson,	
Zebulun Potts,	James Martin,	

A letter of instructions to the Commissioners appointed by Council on the sixth instant, to explore the country at and near the head waters of the rivers Delaware, Schuylkill, Lehigh, and the north-east branch of Susquehanna, agreeably to resolution of Assembly of the thirty-first of March last, was this day signed by the President, as follows, to witt:

In Council, Philadelphia, April 26th, 1790.

GENTLEMEN:—Council having, in pursuance of the enclosed resolution of the General Assembly of the thirty-first day of March last, appointed you Commissioners for the purposes expressed in the last part of the said resolution, you will, without delay, proceed to explore the country, and ascertain the best and shortest distance from the Delaware, near the forks of the Mohawk and Popaughton branches, to the great bend on the Susquehanna, and thence proceed down the Susquehanna to the mouth of Tioga, and from thence to the junction of the east and west branches. On your return from thence you will explore the Lehigh, from its head to the Turnhole, and also examine and explore the Tobehanna and the Schuylkill, from Hamburgh, where the Commissioners of last year concluded their work, to the mouth of Tamaquay, or Little Schuylkill, as far as good draft navigation may be supposed to extend. If any difficulties occur in the execution of the duties required of you by these instructions, you will give information thereof to the Supreme Executive Council, that such difficulties may, if possible, be removed.

When you have compleated the business, you will make report to the Board of your proceedings, together with an estimate of the expence that may, in your opinion, be necessary to carry the said resolution into execution.

Council have thought proper to allow you seventeen shillings and six pence specie per diem for your services in this business, including your personal expences. The charges which may necessarily arise from the hire of horses, boats, and assistants, will be allowed by Council; at the same time it is earnestly recommended to you to avoid every unnecessary expence and delay.

I am, gentlemen, with great respect, your most obedient and humble servant,

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

To Reading Howell, Frederick Antes, & William Dean, Esquires.

Letters from the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of State, of the fifteenth and nineteenth instant, inclosing two copies of the act of Congress to promote the progress of usefull arts, and of the act further to suspend part of an act entituled An Act to regulate the collection of the duties imposed by law on the tonnage of ships or vessels, and on goods, wares, and merchandizes imported into the United States, and to amend the said act, were received and read, and a letter written by the President, acknowledging the receipt of said letters and inclosures.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 27th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	
Richard Willing,		

Upon the report of the committee to whom was referred the application of Timothy Matlack, Esquire, in behalf of himself and Samuel McClay and John Adlum, Esquires, Commissioners appointed to explore the western waters, agreeably to a resolution of the General Assembly of the thirty-first day of March last, an order was drawn in favor of the said Commissioners, for two hundred pounds, payable out of the six hundred pounds appropriated by the said resolution, and to be charged to the fund provided by act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth of September, 1789, for

claims and improvements, to enable the said Commissioners to proceed in the business of their appointment, and for which sum they are to account.

An order was also drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Reading Howell, Frederick Antes, and William Dean, Esquires, Commissioners appointed to explore the north-east branch of Susquehanna, the head waters of the rivers Delaware, Lehigh, and Schuylkill, and the country near the said waters, agreeably to the last part of the said resolution, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-nine pounds three shillings, payable out of the six hundred pounds appropriated by the said resolution, and to be charged to the fund provided for claims and improvements, as before mentioned, to enable the said Commissioners to proceed in the business assigned to them, in pursuance of the said resolution, for which sum they are to be accountable.

Upon the second reading of a petition from Thomas Black, of the county of Northumberland, it was

Resolved, That the fine of ten pounds to which he was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, for fornication and bastardy, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 28th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins, (now returned,) and	
Richard Willing,		
Samuel Edie,	Amos Gregg,	
Zebulun Potts,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Richard Willing, Esquire, for sixty-six pounds, in full of his account for eighty-eight days attendance in Council, between the sixth day of January and twenty-eighth day of April, 1790, the last day included.

The Register and Comptroller General's reports upon the account of Captain Charles Krause, for the pay of his company of Berks county militia, from the sixteenth of August to the sixteenth of October, 1781, while employed in guarding the Convention prisoners near Reading, by which a ballance of two hundred and seventy-seven pounds five shillings and two pence appears to be due to the said company, was read and approved.

Upon the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter of the Comptroller General dated the thirteenth of January,

1790, respecting the business to be transacted between him and the Comptroller General of the United States, relating to the exchange of certificates,

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be and he hereby is instructed, on the return of certificates of debts of the United States, entered on the books of the Register of the Treasury, which have been assigned to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for new loan certificates, presented to be exchanged therefor, to deliver therewith a letter of attorney, or other proper instrument, to the party receiving such certificate, to the end that as the said certificates are not assignable, or payable to bearer, the party may be enabled to reinvest the property in themselves, by a retransfer on the books of the Treasury of the United States.

Upon the second reading of the petition of Eleanor Brown, now confined in the jail of this city, who was convicted of keeping a disorderly house, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to be imprisoned at hard labor until the fourth of July next, and to pay a fine of twenty pounds to the use of the Commonwealth, it was

Resolved, That the said Eleanor Brown be discharged from confinement on payment of her fine, and on condition of her leaving this State in ten days, not to return.

On motion of Colonel Miles, it was

Resolved, That in consideration of the circumstances of the family of Timothy Matlack, Esq'r, who hath been appointed one of the Commissioners to explore the north-west part of the State, agreeably to resolution of General Assembly of the thirty-first of March last, a monthly allowance of ten pounds be made to his wife, during the time he shall be employed in that business, to be charged to his account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 29th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	
Richard Willing,	John Wilkins, and	
Samuel Edie,	Amos Gregg,	

A certificate from the Honorable Thomas M'Kean, and Judges Rush and Atlee, of the expences of the said Judge Atlee in coming to and returning from a Supreme Court held at Philadelphia in the present month, amounting to five pounds twelve shillings and six pence, was laid before Council and read; whereupon, an order

was drawn upon the Treasurer for the said sum, in favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, Clerk of the said Court.

A commission under the Great Seal to Timothy Matlack, Samuel McClay, and John Adlum, Esquires, Commissioners to explore the western waters, was this day signed by the President.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 30th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins,	
Samuel Edie,	Amos Gregg,	
William Wilson,	Richard Willing,	

Upon the application of Jane Roberts, widow of John Roberts, who was executed for high treason against this Commonwealth, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in her favor, for the sum of seventy-five pounds, payable out of the proceeds of the said John Roberts's estate, being one year's pension due to her on the first instant, according to a decree of the Supreme Court.

A petition from David Kennedy and Francis Johnston, Esquires, stating that the time limitted in their respective commissions as Secretary and Receiver General of the Land Office, hath expired, and praying that Council would be pleased to re-appoint them to the said offices, was read; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That David Kennedy, Esquire, be re-appointed to the office of Secretary of the Land Office, and Francis Johnston, Esquire, to the office of Receiver General of the Land Office.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 3rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts, and	
William Wilson,	Richard Willing,	

A draft of instructions to the Commissioners who were appointed on the twelfth instant to sell the barracks and the lot whereon the

same are erected, was laid before the Board, and being read, was agreed to as follows, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, May 3rd, 1790.

GENTLEMEN:—Council having, in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly, passed the thirtieth day of March, 1790, appointed you Commissioners to expose to sale and sell to the highest bidder, the barracks in the borough of Lancaster, and the ground whereon the same are erected, you are therefore instructed to apportion and lay off as soon as may be, the said ground into such number of lots as in your opinion will best promote the interests of the Commonwealth, with one or more streets to accommodate the same, if necessary. You will then, after due notice given, proceed to the sale of the lots so lay'd off, and the barracks thereon erected, and upon payment of the purchase money for the same in full, you will make good and effectual conveyances for the lots sold as aforesaid to the purchasers thereof, subject, however, to a proportionable part of the ground rent charged upon and issuing out of the said large lot of ground, the purchase money to be paid as follows, vizt: one-half at the time of sale, and the remainder in six months after; and in case the purchaser shall neglect or refuse to pay such remaining part of purchase money, the premises to revert to the State, the same to be sold again and the first payment to be forfeited to the use of the State.

The monies arising from the sale of the said lots and barracks, are to be paid into the Treasury for the support of Government, after deducting a reasonable compensation for your trouble in this business, which by the said act Council are authorized to allow.

If any difficulties occur in the execution of the duties required of you by these instructions, you will give information to Council, that such difficulties may, if possible, be removed.

I am, gentlemen, with great respect,

Your most obedient and very humble servant,

G. ROSS, Vice Presid't.

To James Cunningham and John Miller, Esquires, Commissioners for the sale of the Barracks in the borough of Lancaster, and the lots whereon the same are erected.

Mr. Potts was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the present month.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 4th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Zebulun Potts,
Christopher Kucher, John Wilkins,
Samuel Edie, Amos Gregg,
William Wilson, } Esquires.

A letter from Nathaniel Falconer, Esquire, of this day, requesting Council to accept his resignation of the office of Warden of the Port of Philadelphia, was received and read, and it was agreed unanimously to accept the said resignation.

A petition from John Kean, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace in county of Dauphine, praying Council to accept his resignation of the said office, was also received and read, and it was agreed unanimously to accept the said resignation.

Upon further consideration of the petition of Michael Smith for remission of the fine of ten pounds, to which he was sentenced by the last Mayor's Court, for keeping a tipling house contrary to law, it was

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Kucher,

Resolved, That Mr. Edie, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wilkins, be a committee to enquire into the propriety of the Comptroller General issuing a certificate in favor of a certain Joseph Thompson, which was delivered to Samuel Nicholson.

Colonel Miles informed Council, that in pursuance of the law passed the twenty-seventh of April, 1790, for adjusting certain claims for supplies furnished to persons who were employed in the year 1775 to enforce the laws of the late Province of Pennsylvania against the Connecticut settlers at and near Wioming, the Comptroller General had issued several certificates to the persons having claims, stating on the face of the certificate that they were settled pursuant to an act of Assembly of the first of April, 1784, when in reality it was in pursuance of the law above mentioned, and he endorsed on the certificate interest to commence January the first, 1785; whereupon, it was referred to the above mentioned committee to make enquiry into the facts stated above, and report to Council.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer: In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for the sum of seventy pounds, to defray the expences of the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court on the Western circuit, for which sum they are to be accountable on their return.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds five shillings, for one month's wages as Doorkeeper to Council, ending the thirtieth of April, 1790, and cash paid for pasting up proclamations of Council.

The Vice President produced a receipt for the sum of fifty pounds which he paid according to resolutions of Council of the fourth day of October, 1788, and fifth of August, 1789, to David Linton, the person who apprehended George Sinclaire, under an act of Assembly dated the

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 5th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Zebulun Potts,	Samuel Miles, and	
William Wilson,	Amos Gregg,	
John Wilkins,		

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Friday next be assigned for the consideration of the petition of the Cornplanter and others, Chiefs of Six Nations of Indians.

The Register and Comptroller General's reports upon the account of Thomas Search, for repairing a cart belonging to the Hospital on Province Island, amounting to one pound and six pence, certified to by Peter Dehaven, who is one of the trustees of the said hospital, was read and approved, and an order drawn upon the Treasurer for the said sum.

Isaac Thompson, Esquire, was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Huntingdon, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township in the said county.

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Fitzimmons and George Clymer, Esquires, of the first instant, inclosing an abstract of the claims of the several States against the United States, was received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 6th, 1790

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Richard Willing,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
William Wilson,	James Martin,	
John Wilkins,	Samuel Miles, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Zebulun Potts,		

James Hunter, merchant, and John Dunlap, printer, were offered and accepted as sureties for David Kennedy, Esquire, who was on the thirtieth of last month re-appointed Secretary of the Land Office of this State.

Council proceeded to the further consideration of that part of the report of the committee on the petition of John Weitzel, Esquire, which was postponed on the tenth of April last, when on motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Martin, it was agreed that an order be drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Weitzle for the sum of fifty-eight pounds sixteen shillings, which appears to be due to him for provisions furnished to John Vancampen, who was Commissary for supplying the militia sent to Wyoming in the year 1784, the said sum having been allowed to the said Van Campen in the settlement of his account with the public, and not paid to Mr. Weitzel.

The Secretary was directed to call on the Comptroller General to enquire and inform Council what forwardness the accounts are in which were directed by Council to be forwarded to our Delegates in Congress. The Secretary returned and informed Council that the Comptroller General will send in a statement to Council to-morrow.

Upon application of the Secretary for leave of absence for a few days to go to Reading, it was unanimously agreed to grant the same.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 7th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Richard Willing,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	John Wilkins,	
Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie, and	
Zebulun Potts,	James Martin,	

The Register General's and Treasurer's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of John Hubley, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Lancaster, for the fees he received for tavern and marriage licences, and the tax upon writs, between the twentieth of September, 1789, and twentieth day of March, 1790, amounting to two hundred and eleven pounds six shillings.

Of John Christie, Esquire, Collector of Excise for the county of Chester, for monies received by him for excise from the twenty-sixth of August, 1788, to the twenty-sixth of August, 1789, amounting to nine hundred and seventy-five pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence.

On motion of Colonel Miles, seconded by Colonel Willing, it was

Resolved, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores for this State, be directed to make a return of all the stores under his care belonging to the State, and that he inform Council where they are deposited.

William Gray and Joseph Rakestraw were offered and accepted as sureties for Francis Johnston, Esquire, who was re-appointed Receiver General of the Land Office on the thirtieth of last month.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Wilson, for the sum of sixty-five pounds ten shillings, being a ballance due upon his account for attendance in Council between the fourth of January and tenth of May, 1790, inclusive, and his mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 8th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Richard Willing,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	
William Wilson,	Samuel Edie, and	
John Wilkins,	James Martin,	

The Register General and Treasurer's reports upon the account of Henry Miller, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of York, for the tax upon four hundred and sixty-seven writs of mesne process, and three hundred and twelve executions issued between the twenty-first of March, 1789, and twentieth of March, 1790, amounting to one hundred and fifty-five pounds sixteen shillings, was read and approved

Two letters from the Comptroller General relative to the settlement of the public accounts between this State and the United States, were received and read.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Deputy Secretary inform the Comptroller General that Council are extremely anxious to have all accounts between the United States and this State, adjusted and prepared for immediate settlement, and therefore require him to use every exertion in his power for that purpose, the time fixed by him for compleating that important business as reported to Council by their committee, having expired last week.

Resolved, That the Comptroller General lay before Council without delay an abstract of the accounts of this State against the United States.

It appearing to Council from the examination of certain accounts and vouchers which have been laid before them, that the Comptroller General hath in some instances dispensed with necessary forms of law, particularly in the case of Joseph Thompson, late Surgeon's Mate in the regiment of Light Cavalry, commanded by Stephen Moylan, Esquire,

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be directed to inform Council why the necessary forms which by law, are enjoined to be observed by him in the duties of his office, have been dispensed with in the instance of granting to his brother Samuel Nicholson, a certificate of the commutation of pay, which was due to Joseph Thompson, late a Surgeon's Mate in the army of the United States,

and why certain certificates issued in pursuance of a law passed the twenty-seventh of April, 1790, express on the several certificates, that they were issued in pursuance of law passed the first day of April, 1784.

A petition from Thomas Martin, of Wyoming in the county of Luzerne, stating that he has been turned out of his house and farm, by order of two Justices of the said county without a hearing, and as he conceives contrary to law, was read, and the same referred to the Vice President, Mr. Gregg and Mr. Wilkins, who were requested to consult the Attorney General, if they judge proper.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 10th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Wilkins,	} Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts, and	
James Read,	Richard Willing,	

The letter received on the fourth instant, from the Chief Councillors and Warriors of the Six Nations of Indians, stating that they have been plundered in their camps, and their property has been taken by some bad white people, being again read and considered, it was

Resolved, That the following letter be written by the President in answer thereto, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, May 10th, 1790.

BROTHERS:—We have received and seriously considered your letter, directed to the President and Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania. It gives us pain to hear from you that some bad people have plundered your camps and taken your property. Our laws do not permit one man to injure another. We are willing to give you an opportunity of laying before the government of Pennsylvania your grievances, and of explaining your wishes; and agreeably to your request, we hereby invite three of your chief counsellors and warriors, vizt: Cornplanter, Half Town, and the New Arrow to come to Philadelphia, on Wednesday the first day of September next, when the General Assembly will be in session. We have granted a commission to your particular friend Joseph

Nicholson, to act as the interpreter to your three Chiefs, and will give him directions to conduct them to this city.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

To Kientwoughko or Cornplanter,
Guyaugh Shoto, alias the Great Cross,
Hachuwoot or Half Town,
Kyendo,
Shendeshowa,
Wadungueta,
Hagungush,
Hucheaguough, alias the Dog Barker,
Oe-wha-gaw-yo, alias the Oldnews,
Candagowa, alias Large Tree,
Tehewanias, alias the Broken Tree,
} Chief Counsellors and Warriors of the six nations of Indians.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 11th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, John Wilkins,
Samuel Edie, Richard Willing, and
Amos Gregg, Zebulun Potts,
Christopher Kucher,
} Esquires.

The following letter was written by the President to the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of State, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, May 11th, 1790.

SIR:—I have the honor to send you herewith an act of the General Assembly of this State, passed the twenty-eighth day of September, 1789, "to cede to and vest in the United States the light house at Cape Henlopen, and all the beacons, buoys and public piers, together with the lands and tenements thereunto belonging, and the jurisdiction of the same."

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Your obedient and humble servant,
THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Honorable THOMAS JEFFERSON, Esquire,
Secretary of State.

A letter from Henry Hill, Esquire, one of the Executors of the last will of Doctor Benjamin Franklin, with an extract from his will, bequeathing his portrait, by Martin, in 1767, to the Supreme Executive Council, to be placed in the Council Chamber, was received and read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Council accept the same with great satisfaction, and that the President be authorized to return an answer expressive of their sence of the legacy:

Two letters from the Comptroller General, dated the tenth instant, respecting the accounts between this State and the United States, and enclosing an abstract of the said accounts, to the amount of forty seven million ten thousand one hundred and thirty-eight continental dollars, and ten million six hundred and forty-two thousand four hundred and three dollars and $\frac{4}{90}$ of a dollars specie, was received and read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a copy of the said abstract be transmitted to the delegates of this State in Congress, together with copies of the said letters, except such part as relates to his observations on the conduct, proper to be observed by the general government, in settling the accounts of the United States and individual States.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 12th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, James Read, Christopher Kucher, Samuel Edie, John Wilkins, Amos Gregg, and Richard Willing, } Esquires.

Agreeably to the minute of yesterday, the following letter was written by the President to the delegates of Pennsylvania, in the House of Representatives of the United States, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, May 12th, 1790.

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to send herewith, for your information, Mr. Nicholson's abstract of the accounts of Pennsylvania against the United States, with copies of two letters, intended by him, explanatory of some of the charges.

Any further information you may want on that subject will at your request be required of the Comptroller, and be transmitted to you without delay.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Gentlemen, your obedient and humble servant,
THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Hon'ble the Delegates of Pennsylvania in the House of Representatives of the U. S.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of John Buyers, Esquire, for continental money and other monies

received by him as Treasurer of the county of Northumberland, between the fourteenth of April and the seventeenth of October, 1789, was read and approved.

Upon the petition of Thomas Jones, and a recommendation from George Wallace, Esquire, President of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the county of Allegany, in his favour; it was

Resolved, That the fine of ten pounds to which he was sentenced by the said Court for fornication and bastardy, be and the same is hereby remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 13th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Read,	Richard Willing, and	
Amos Gregg,	John Wilkins,	

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of State of the fifth instant, inclosing two copies of the Acts of Congress for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for regulating the military establishment of the United States, was received and read, and a letter written by the President to Mr. Jefferson, acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and inclosures.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, Esquire, for twenty-five pounds ten shillings, being a ballance due upon his account for attendance in Council untill the thirteenth instant, inclusive.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 14th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Amos Gregg,	John Wilkins, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Richard Willing,	

A letter in answer to the note received on the eleventh instant, from the executors of the last will of Doctor Benjamin Franklin,

by which his portrait is bequeathed to the Supreme Executive Council was prepared by the President, and agreed to as follows, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, May 14th, 1790.

GENTLEMAN:—The Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania have received the extract from Doctor Franklin's will in which his portrait, drawn by Martin in 1767, is offered for their acceptance.

The services rendered by that illustrious citizen to his country during a long and active live, have raised a monument of gratitude and affection to his memory which cannot be improved by art nor destroyed by time. But the present instance of his regard is peculiarly pleasing to a body of which all the present members have been informed by his wisdom, and many have been honored by his friendship.

We cannot therefore hesitate in declaring our cordial acceptance of the legacy, which being placed in the Council Chamber may become a public benefit, and lead from contemplating the picture to an imitation of the patriot.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Gentlemen, your obedient and most humble servant,

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

To Henry Hill, John Jay and Francis Hopkinson, Esquires, and Mr. Edward Duffield, executors of the last will and testament of Doctor Benjamin Franklin, deceased.

A letter from George Woods, Esquire, dated the twenty-ninth of April, 1790, offering to Council, Samuel Davidson and Thomas Coulter, E-q'rs, among others as sureties for his faithfull performance of the office of Deputy Surveyor of the county of Bedford, according to law, was read; whereupon, it was

Resolved, To accept the said Samuel Davidson and Thomas Coulter, as sureties of Mr. Wood's faithfull execution of the said office.

The Register and Comptroller General's report upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Catherine Reinick, minor daughter of Christian Reinick, who was a Surgeon in the late army of the United States, for the sum of fifty three pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence, being a ballance of pension due to her.

Of George Breining, for making a sett of irons for branding casks containing pott and pearl ash, and for cutting the letters and figures thereon, amounting to two pounds five shillings and ten pence, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer.

Upon the report of the Committee to whom was referred the report of three Justices of the Peace, appointed the eighth day of February last, to investigate a complaint against the last election of Justices in the district of Derry and London Derry townships in

the county of Dauphine, with the bill of costs attending the enquiry, amounting to eleven pounds eleven shillings and two pence,

Resolved, That the said complaint be dismissed, and that the commissions made out for Adam Hamaker, Esquire, on the twenty-sixth of January last, as a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas, be now transmitted to the Recorder of the said county.

Resolved, That Council approve of the said bill of costs, and that five pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence thereof be paid by the Overseer of the Poor of the township of Derry, and the remainder by the Overseer of the township of London Derry, according to the seventeenth section of an Act of Assembly passed the fourth of March, 1786.

A commission under the Great Seal to Joseph Nicholson, as interpreter of the three Indian Chiefs, Cornplanter, Half Town and the New Arrow, who are to come to the city on the first of September next, was this day signed by the President.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, May 15th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice Presient.

Christopher Kucher, Samuel Edie,
Samuel Miles, John Wilkins, and } Esquires.
James Read, Richard Willing,

A return of an election of officers in the third battalion of Berks county militia, was received and read, and commissions directed to issue agreeably thereto, except to the Ensign of Captain Jacob Meyers's company who is removed from the county.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, May 17th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher, Samuel Edie,
Zebulun Potts, John Wilkins, and } Esquires.
James Read, Richard Willing,

A return of an election of officers in the first battalion of Montgomery county militia, was read, and an order taken that commissions issue agreeably thereto.

A petition from Daniel Deal who was convicted of keeping a tipling house in the county of Montgomery, and fined in the sum of ten pounds, praying a remission of the said fine, was read the second time, with a recommendation in his favor from Samuel Byard, Esquire, the Deputy of the Attorney General in that county, and Council being informed that since the said conviction the petitioner has been recommended by the Court, for a licence to keep a public house, thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

The time for receiving proposals for repairing the banks of Mud Island, having expired on Saturday last, and some persons being desirous of further time to prepare their proposals, it was agreed to extend the time for receiving proposals untill Saturday next inclusive.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 18th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Wilkins,	Esquires.
James Read,	(Abraham Smith, &	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell, now	
Samuel Edie,	returned,) and	
Richard Willing,	Amos Gregg,	

The petition of Joseph Galloway, by his attorney Thomas Clifford, stating the attainder of the said Galloway of high treason, and praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon of the said offence, was read the second time, when on motion of the Vice President seconded by Mr. Willing, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Clifford have leave to withdraw the said petition.

The Register and Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of John Slater, for a ballance due on pay roll of his company of Lancaster county militia, for militia services in October and November, 1780, on an expedition to Northumberland county, amounting to ninety-six pounds eleven shillings and four pence, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer, payable in State money of the seventh of April. 1781.

Of Captain Samuel Holliday, for the pay and bounty of a detachment of Cumberland county militia under his command, on a scout to Frankstown against the Indians, from the twenty-ninth of May

to June the eighth, 1781, inclusive, amounting to thirty-two pounds five shillings and four pence.

Of Captain Caldwell, for the pay of his company of the second battalion of Lancaster county militia, employed on the frontiers of Northumberland county, in August, September, and October, 1779, amounting to one hundred and two pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 19th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Amos Gregg,	Abraham Smith, and	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	

The Register and Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Philip Jacob Shellhamer, for two months' pay and bounty for his services as a militia man in Captain Greenmyer's company of Northampton county militia, in the battalion commanded by Colonel Stephen Balliott, from the first of November, 1781, to the first of January, 1782, amounting to ten pound ten shillings.

Of Captain Michael Hauffelt, for militia services in the seventh company of the first battalion of the militia of York county, at sundry times from August, 1780, to December, 1782, as certified by the Lieutenant of the said county, amounting to eleven pounds ten shillings.

Of William Sawers of Northumberland county, for supplies of provisions and cloathing furnished by him to the troops sent to Wioming in December, 1775, by order of the Justices of the said county, in pursuance of a resolution of Assembly dated the twenty-fifth day of November, 1775, for the purpose of enforcing the laws of Pennsylvania against the settlers from Connecticut, amounting to seventy-eight pounds one shilling and eleven pence, settled agreeably to act of Assembly passed the twenty-seventh day of March last.

A petition from Samuel Henry, who was convicted of having received money which had been stolen by a certain William Thomas, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace of the county of Chester to undergo a servitude at hard labour for one year, to pay a fine of three pounds to the Commonwealth, pray-

ing that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon, was read, with a certificate signed by a number of respectable inhabitants of the said county, of his having behaved himself orderly during his confinement, and recommending him to Council as a proper object of mercy; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the said Samuel Henry be and he hereby is pardoned.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Anthony Wright, for the sum of twenty-three pounds five shillings and four pence halfpenny, being the amount of his account for gunpowder and other articles purchased by him, and used by the regiment of artillery in this city on the birth-day of the President of the United States, by order of this Board.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 20th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Christopher Kucher, Zebulun Potts, Amos Gregg, Samuel Edie, Abraham Smith, Jonas Hartzell, James Read, Richard Willing, William Findley, and John Wilkins, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 21st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, James Read, Christopher Kucher, Zebulun Potts, Amos Gregg, and Samuel Edie, Abraham Smith, Jonas Hartzell, Richard Willing, William Findley, and John Wilkins, } Esquires.

A petition from James Shaw, who was convicted of having received money which had been stolen by a certain William Thomas,

and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Chester to undergo a servitude of hard labour for one year and six months, and to pay a fine of three pounds to the Commonwealth, praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon, was read, with a certificate signed by a number of respectable inhabitants of the said county, of his having behaved himself orderly during his confinement, and recommending him to Council as a proper object of mercy; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the said James Shaw be and he is hereby pardoned.

The Register and Comptroller General's report upon the accounts of Adam Eicholtz, for the sum of fifty-two pounds four shillings and six pence, state money due to him for principal and interest upon his certificate for a bay horse which was furnished by him for the use of the Continental army in the year 1780, was read and approved, and an order for the said sum was drawn upon the Treasurer, payable in State money of the seventh of April, 1781, out of the fund appropriated by a resolution of the General Assembly of the eighth of April, 1782.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 22nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Zebulun Potts,	William Findley, and	
Amos Gregg,	John Wilkins,	
Samuel Edie,		

Agreeably to the minute of Council of the twenty-eighth of last month, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Timothy Matlack, Esquire, for the sum of ten pounds, payable out of the six hundred pounds which was appropriated by a resolution of the General Assembly passed the thirtieth day of March last, for exploring the head waters of the river Susquehanna, Delaware, Lehigh and Schuylkill, and the western waters within this State, and to be charged to the fund provided by an act of the General Assembly of the twenty eighth of September, 1789, for claims and improvements, the said sum being advanced to the said Timothy Matlack in part of his pay as one of the Commissioners for exploring the said western waters; for which sum he is to account.

The Register and Comptroller General's reports of the twentieth and twenty-second of this month, upon the account of Jacob Bayer for a ballance due on Jacob Morgan's certificates in his favor for supplies of forage, &ca., furnished by him for public use in the year 1780, being two pounds fourteen shillings and eleven pence, was read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the memorial of Michael Morgan O'Bryan, relative to certain city lotts which he alledges were purchased by him by mistake, be postponed.

Upon the second reading of a petition of Elizabeth Gorrecht for the pardon of her son Michael Eyrick, who was convicted of manslaughter at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held in county of Philadelphia, it was

Resolved, That his fine of ten pounds be remitted, and that he be released from confinement upon condition of his finding security for his good behaviour during life, agreeably to the latter part of his sentence.

The time for receiving proposals for repairing the banks of Mud Island expiring this day, it was agreed to extend the time for receiving such proposals untill the day of

A letter from Charles Campbell, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland, inclosing a return of officers for the several battalions of militia in that county, was received and read, and commissions directed to issue agreeably thereto.

The committee to whom it was referred to consider of and report to Council the dimensions of a building suitable for a gun powder magazine, to be erected on the lot lately bought for that purpose, reported the following, which was agreed to:

"The walls round the yard of the magazine to be brick, and on a line with the north side of Walnut street and the west side of Ashton street, and to be eight feet high beside the capping, which is to be stone.

"The powder house or magazine to be forty feet east and west, & sixty feet north and south, and to stand back from the wall on Walnut street twenty feet clear, and from Ashton street the north and west walls of the yard fifteen feet clear.

"The two gable-end walls to be two feet thick of stone, and the two side walls two feet six inches thick of stone, or if double, two feet thick of stone, opening three inches, and a four and a half inch wall inside all round.

"The heighth from the floor to the spring of the Arch to be eight feet, small arches to be turned all under the lower floor, in order to keep it dry. The height of the first floor to be six inches above the level of the yard.

"A small house for the keeper at the south-east corner of Walnut and Front streets, on Schuylkill, to be fifteen feet six inches on Walnut street, and fifteen feet on Front street, two stories high,

the first story to be eight feet in the clear, and the second story seven feet three inches in the clear, with a cellar under the whole, and to be finished plain."

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 25th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	William Findley,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins,	
Zebulun Potts,	Richard Willing, and	
Amos Gregg,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Samuel Edie,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports of the twenty-fourth instant, upon the account of John Welsh for the balance of his pay as a seven months' man in the late army of the United States, from the fourth of July till August the first, 1780, amounting to two pounds five shillings, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 26th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Abraham Smith,
Amos Gregg,	William Finley,
Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins,
Zebulun Potts,	Jonas Hartzell, and
Samuel Edie,	Frederick Watts, (now returned.)

The Treasurer and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Charles Biddle, Esquire, for fees received in the Secretary's office between the twenty-third of January and twenty-third of April, 1790, amounting to two hundred and seventeen pounds, eighteen shillings and four pence, and for wages paid to the Watchmen employed in guarding the public offices in and about the State

House and the public Treasury, and for money expended in improving the State House yard, amounting to one hundred and thirty-one pounds sixteen shillings, by which it appears that the ballances of fourteen pounds and two pence upon the former, and one shilling and eleven pence upon the latter account, are due to the said Charles Biddle.

Of Nicholas Brosius, Esquire, Collector of Excise in the county of Berks, for excise collected by him in the said county from August, 1788, to August, 1789, amounting to eight hundred and thirty-four pounds, seventeen shillings and eleven pence.

Upon the second reading of a petition from Thomas Green, who was convicted of larceny, and is now confined in the jail of this city at hard labor, praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon, and he being recommended as a proper object of mercy, it was

Resolved, To pardon the said Thomas Green, upon condition of his leaving this State in five days, not to return.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 27th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg,	William Finley,
Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins,
Zebulun Potts,	Jonas Hartzell,
Samuel Edie,	Frederick Watts, and
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing.

The Treasurer and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved:

Of William Shannon, Esquire, auctioneer for the Northern Liberties, for the State duty on sales at auction received by him between the fourth of January and the third of April, 1790, amounting to ninety-five pounds five shillings and seven pence halfpenny.

Of Edward Crawford, Junior, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Franklin, for cash received by him for tavern and marriage licences, between the fifteenth day of October, 1789, and the first day of April, 1790, amounting to twenty-six pounds ten shillings and three pence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 28th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watts,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins,	
Abraham Smith,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
William Finley,	Richard Willing,	
Amos Gregg,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Charles Biddle, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds, for the purpose of paying wages to the watchmen employed in guarding the public offices in and about the State House, and the public Treasury, according to act of Assembly passed the twenty-seventh of March, 1789, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of John Donaldson, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-two pounds and three pence, being two months and eight days' salary due to John Waite, as Clerk in the Register General's Office from the eighth of March last to the time of his leaving the office; and

In favor of William Banks, for the sum of thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, being one quarter's salary due him on the eighth instant, as Clerk in the said office, according to the Register and Comptroller General's reports.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 29th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	John Wilkins,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts,	
Abraham Smith,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Amos Gregg,	Richard Willing,	
William Findley,		

Upon the report of the committee to whom were referred four orders of Orphans' Court of the county of Cumberland, for the

pensions due to the widows, Mary Denny, Jennet Wilson, and Susannah Neil, of the said county, in pursuance of the militia laws of this State, their husbands having been killed while in actual service in the militia against the enemy, it was agreed that the following orders be drawn upon the Treasury:

In favor of Mary, the widow of Walter Denny, for the sum of eighty-four pounds eight shillings and ten pence, for her pension untill the first day of April, 1789.

In favor of Jennett, the widow of John Wilson, for the sum of ninety-six pounds, for her pension untill the said first day of April; and

In favor of Susannah, the widow of John Neil, for the sum of ninety pounds, being the pension due to her untill the same time, according to the Register and Comptroller General's reports, and the several orders of the Orphans' Court aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 31st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	
Jonas Hartzell,	John Wilkins, and	
William Findley,	Amos Gregg,	

Upon the second reading of a petition from Charles Rowan, of the county of Cumberland, with a recommendation from a number of respectable inhabitants of that county, in his behalf, for remission of a fine of ten pounds to the Commonwealth, and the punishment of eighteen months hard labour to which he was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, for larceny, it was

Resolved, That the said Charles Rowan be and he hereby is pardoned.

Council being informed of the death of Nicholas Brosius, Esquire, who was Collector of Excise in the county of Berks, and several petitions being now before the Board for that office, it was on motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for going into the appointment of a Collector of Excise, in the room of the deceased.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 1st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins,	
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	Zebulun Potts,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for his wages as Doorkeeper to Council from the first to the thirty-first of May, 1790, inclusive.

The Comptroller and Register reports upon the account of Samuel Crossan, Esquire, Collector of Excise for the county of Bedford, for excise collected by him from November, 1788, till February 1st, 1790, in the said county, amounting to eighty-three pounds fourteen shillings and two pence, was read and approved.

The Treasurer and Register General's reports upon a further account of said Samuel Crossan, Esquire, for excise collected between the first of February and the fifth of April, 1790, amounting to seventeen pounds three shillings and five pence, and including the ballance of thirty-five pounds thirteen shillings and three pence, due to the State upon the last account, by which it appears that a ballance is now due to the said Samuel Crossan, was also read and approved.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the appointment of a Collector of Excise for the county of Berks, in the room of Nicholas Brosius, Esquire, lately deceased; and the ballots being taken for the several candidates, it appeared that Peter Feather, junior, of the said county, was duly elected.

Isaac Levan and Daniel Levan, of the county of Berks, were offered and accepted as sureties for the said Peter Feather, junior.

The Register and Comptroller General's reports upon the account of Captain David Crosby, for the pay of his company of Chester county militia, in the battalion of militia commanded by Colonel John McDowell, while under marching orders from the Lieutenant of the county aforesaid in October, 1781, amounting to seventy pounds five shillings, was read and approved.

A return of militia officers for the county of Allegany, from Richard Butler, Esquire, Lieutenant of that county, was received and read, and it was

Ordered, That commissions issue agreeably thereto.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 2nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Wilkins,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Amos Gregg,	Abraham Smith, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watts,	
Samuel Edie,		

The Register and Comptroller General's reports upon the accounts of Captain David Wells, for the pay of his company of Berks county militia, amounting to four hundred and four pounds four shillings and eleven pence, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 3rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Richard Willing,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins,	
Abraham Smith,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watts,	
Zebulun Potts,		

The Register and Comptroller reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Youst Strack, for provisions supplied to Colonel Michael Lindemuth's battalion of Berks county militia, while in actual service on the frontiers against the Indians in September and October, 1780, amounting to two pounds eighteen shillings and six pence.

Of Andrew Runkle, for provisions furnished to the said militia, amounting to twelve pounds eighteen shillings and one penny

Of Martin Dribelbis, for provisions to the said militia, amounting to thirteen pounds three shillings.

Of Mark Swinks, for provisions furnished to the said militia, amounting to three pounds nine shillings and four pence.

Of Richard Willets, for provisions furnished to the said militia, amounting to ten pounds ten shillings and six pence.

Of Samuel Marburger, for provisions furnished to the said militia, amounting to three pounds eight shillings and three pence.

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of State, dated the twenty-eighth of last month, inclosing the following acts of Congress, vizt:—"An Act for the government of the Territory of United States south of the river Ohio; An Act to continue in force the act passed at the last session of Congress entitled An Act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States; An Act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures and penalties accruing under the revenue laws in certain cases therein mentioned; and An Act to prescribe the mode in which the public acts, records and judicial proceedings, in each State, shall be authenticated, so as to take effect in every other State," was received and read; and a letter written by the President to Mr. Jefferson, acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and inclosures.

Council took into consideration the case of John Bawers, who is now confined in the jail of this city at hard labour, for having defrauded Mary Eyre of a quantity of staves and heading, and who hath by his petition prayed Council to grant him a pardon, and the said Mary Eyre having informed Council that the petitioner has made restitution for his proportion of the property taken from her, and that she wishes he may be released; it was thereupon

Resolved, That the said John Bawers be and he is hereby pardoned, on condition that he leaves this State in five days from the date hereof, not to return.

Mr. Findley was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the present month.

The report of the Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Joshua Elder, Esquire, Deputy Surveyor of the depreciation lands, being read the second time, was adopted as follows, vizt: That at the public sales of the depreciation lands John Vanderen, sen'r, late of the county of Philadelphia, purchased by himself and agents one hundred and sixty-nine lots of the districts urveyed by the said Joshua Elder, for which he has never either paid the purchase money, office or Surveyor's fees, except sixty pounds to the Surveyor.

That it appears by an inquisition taken the seventh day of December, 1786, that said Vanderen was adjudged to be in a State of lunacy at that time, and for more than three months previous thereto, during which time the said purchases were made; therefore,

Resolved, That the one hundred and sixty-nine lots struck off as above mentioned be considered as reverted to the State, and that the Deputy Surveyor be intitled to have an order for his surveying fees

for the said one hundred and sixty-nine lotts upon the settlement of his account.

A letter from Andrew Elliott, Esquire, of this date requesting to be furnished with a copy of the deed given by the Senecas to to Messieurs Butler and Gibson, late Commissioners on behalf of the State of Pennsylvania, for certain lands lying on the south side of Lake Erie, and west of the Conawango river, and the carrying place between Lake Chaughtaughque and Lake Erie, which he conceives will be usefull to him in carrying into execution the resolution of Congress of the sixth of June, 1788, which authorizes a survey of the said tract of land, was received and read; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Ellicott be furnished by the Master of the Rolls with a copy of the said deed properly authenticated.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 4th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,
Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins,
Abraham Smith,	Jonas Hartzell, and
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watts.
William Finley,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Read, Erquire, for the sum of ninety-one pounds ten shillings, being the amount of his account for attendance in Council from the third of February until the fourth of June, 1790, inclusive.

Council being informed that the Indian deed referred to in Mr. Ellicott's letter of yesterday is not recorded; it was therefore,

Ordered, That the Secretary of Council furnish Mr. Ellicott with an authenticated copy of the said deed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 5th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	John Wilkins,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watts, and	
William Findley,	James Martin,	
Richard Willing,		

A return of militia officers for the county of Fayette, from Joseph Terrance, Esquire, the Lieutenant of that county, was received and read, and commissions directed to issue agreeably thereto.

A motion was made by Colonel Smith, seconded by Doctor Wilkins, and agreed to by Council in the following words to wit:

WHEREAS, By the report of the Receiver General of the Land office, it appears that at the public sales of the depreciation lands in the district surveyed by Joshua Elder, sixteen lots were purchased by the Comptroller General on account of the Commonwealth:

And whereas, It appears from the report aforesaid, that four lots were purchased by Ephraim Hart, two by John Peters, and two by Matthias Keely, in the same district, for which the purchase money, office fee, and charges of surveying remains unpaid.

Resolved, That the whole of the said lots be considered as reverting to the Commonwealth.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 7th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	Esquirrs.
William Findley,	Richard Willing,	
John Wilkins,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg, and	
Samuel Edie,	James Martin,	
Frederick Watts,		

Agreeably to the Register and Comptroller General's reports, and an Act of Assembly passed the third day of March last,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Joshua Elder, Esquire, for the sum of one thousand three hundred and fifty-eight

pounds, payable out of the fund appropriated by the said act for the payment of Deputy Surveyors of depreciation lands, the several ballances due to them, the said sum being due to the said Joshua Elder, upon his account for surveying the fifth district of the said land.

John Metzger, Michael Hillman and Robert Ritchie, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Allegany, upon returns made according to law from the district of the townships of St. Clair, Versailles and Mifflin, in the said county; John Metzger, elected in the first mentioned district; Michael Hillman, in the second, and Robert Ritchie, in the third.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 8th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Christopher Kucher,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Frederick Watts,	
Samuel Edie,	Jonas Hartzell,	
John Wilkins,	Amos Gregg, and	
Zebulun Potts,	James Martin,	
William Findley,		

The Treasurer and Register General's reports upon the following account of Francis Johnston, Esquire, for fees received in the Receiver General's office from the ninth of March, untill the thirtieth of April, 1790, inclusively, amounting to two hundred and fifty-three pounds eleven shillings, was read and approved.

Upon the petition of William Mack, and a recommendation from several respectable inhabitants of Franklin county; it was

Resolved, To remit the fine of ten pounds due to the Commonwealth which was imposed upon the petitioner by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, for keeping a tipling house contrary to law.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 9th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts,	
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg,	
Richard Willing,	John Wilkins,	
William Findley,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Samuel Edie,	James Martin,	

A petition from James Robinson, who is now confined in the jail of this city at hard labour for larceny, praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon, being read the second time with a recommendation from Mr. Reynolds the Jailor (to a Committee of Council who visited the jail) for his good behaviour; it was thereupon,

Resolved, That the said James Robinson be and he is hereby pardoned, on condition of his leaving this State in five days from the time of his discharge, not to return.

On motion,

Resolved, That Friday next be assigned for the consideration of the motion which was made by Doctor Gregg, and seconded by Mr. Potts, for a general pardon of the persons who have been attainted of high treason against this Commonwealth.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 10th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,	John Wilkins,	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
William Findley,	Samuel Miles, and	
Samuel Edie,	James Martin,	
Jonas Hartzell,		

Council proceeded to the further consideration of the petition of John Johnson, a negro now confined in the jail of this city for larceny, stating his innocence, and praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon, with a recommendation from Mr. Reynolds the jailor in his behalf, and a Committee of this Board upon enquiry into the case of the petitioner having reported that

it appears to them he is innocent of the crime for which he was confined; it was thereupon,

Resolved, That the said John Johnston be and he is hereby pardoned.

The keeper of the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia having certified to Council that the time of servitude to which a certain Thomas Varnham was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, is now expired, and that he remains in confinement for a fine of two pounds five shillings which is due to the Commonwealth, and the said Thomas Varnham having by his petition prayed to Council for remission of the same; it was

Resolved, That the said fine of two pounds five shillings be and the same is hereby remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 11th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
Richard Willing,	James Martin, and	
William Findley,	John Wilkins,	
Samuel Edie,		

On motion,

Resolved, That the consideration of the motion for a general pardon of persons who have been attainted of high treason against this State, be postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 14th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watts,	
William Findley,	James Martin, and	
Samuel Edie,	Jonas Hartzell,	

The Treasurer and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of David Kennedy, Esquire, Secretary of the Land Office, for fees received in the said office from the eight of March untill the eight of June, 1790, amounting to six hundred and twenty-eight pounds eleven shillings and nine pence.

Of Caleb Davis, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Chester, for fees received for tavern and marriage licences, and the tax upon writs between the first day of May, 1789, and tenth day of June, 1790, amounting to one hundred and ninety-nine pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 15th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Samuel Miles,	William Findley,	
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watts, and	
Samuel Edie,	James Martin,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-four pounds in full of his account for attendance in Council from the fourteenth of May until the fourteenth of June, 1790, inclusively.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Stephen Duncan, Esquire, late Treasurer of the county of Cumberland, containing a statement of the taxes collected and outstanding in the said county, untill the time he ceased to act in the office of Treasurer.

Of Alexander McGuighen the present Treasurer of the said county, stating the amount of taxes collected and outstanding untill the first day of May, 1790, in the said county.

A petition from James Maxwell, of the county of Chester, for the pardon of his wife Elizabeth, who was among others convicted in the said county in February last of receiving money which had been stolen from a certain Robert Wilkins, and who is now confined in the jail of the said county at hard labour for the said offence, was read with a recommendation from a number of respectable inhabitants of the said county in her behalf, and the said Robert Wilkins having signified to Council his desire that she may be released; it was thereupon,

Resolved, To pardon the said Elizabeth Maxfield.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 16th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Zebulun Potts,	James Martin,	
Samuel Edie,	Amos Gregg, and	
William Findley,	Richard Willing,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Amos Gregg, Esquire, for the sum of sixty-nine pounds in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the seventeenth of March untill the sixteenth of June, 1790, inclusively.

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of State, dated the eighth instant, inclosing two copies of each of the following acts of Congress of the United States, vizt:

An Act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books to the authors and proprietors of such copies during the times therein mentioned.

An Act for finally adjusting and satisfying the claims of Frederick William De Steuben.

An Act for giving effect to an act intitled An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States within the State of North Carolina; and

An Act supplemental to the act for establishing the salaries of the Executive officers of Government, with their assistants and clerks, was received and read.

A letter from his Excellency Joachin De Canaveral, Commandant General of Carthagena, in the Indies, relative to a number of persons, formerly residents of this State, who went to South America some time past, and now returned, was received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 17th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	
Zebulun Potts,	John Wilkins, and	
William Findley,	Amos Gregg,	
Samuel Edie,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Casper Marche, for his pay for two months' service as a Light Horseman in Colonel Philip Bahm's battalion of Northampton county militia, when called into actual service, for the defence of the frontiers of the said county against the Indians, in the year 1782, amounting to ten pounds seventeen shillings.

Of Mary Wert, for pension due to her from the first of February until the first of June, 1790, according to an order of Orphans' Court of the county of Philadelphia, dated the fourteenth instant, amounting to twenty pounds, for which sum an order was drawn on the Treasurer.

The keeper of the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia having certified to Council that the times of servitude of John Munrow, Patrick Dalton, Hugh Jones, James Spence, Francis Collins, George Wall, and Isabella McKeever, who were confined in the said jail for larceny, are expired, and that they remain in confinement for the following fines, due to the Commonwealth, which they are unable to pay, vizt:

John Munrow, for a fine of	-	-	£3 0 0
Francis Collins, for	-	-	0 2 6
Patrick Dalton, for a fine of	-	-	0 2 6
Hugh Jones,	-	-	7 0
James Spence,	-	-	3 0 0
George Wall, for	-	-	0 0 11
Isabella McKeever,	-	-	13 0 0

And the said prisoners having petitioned Council for a remission of their fines, it was thereupon

Resolved, That the said fines aforesaid be and the same are hereby remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 18th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	William Findley,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts,	
Zebulun Potts,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Samuel Edie,	Amos Gregg,	
James Martin,	Richard Willing,	
John Wilkins,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Martin, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-four pounds one shilling, being in full for his attendance in Council between the twentieth of April and eighteenth of June, 1790, the last day included, and for mileage going home and returning to this city.

The Register and Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Captain Paul Knaus, for the pay of five militia men of his company of Northampton county militia, while in actual service, for two months, in the year 1781, on the frontiers of said county, against the Indians, amounting to forty-four pounds two shillings.

Of Philip Vancler, for his pay as a seven months' man, in the Seventh Pennsylvania Regiment of the late Army of the United States, amounting to seventeen pounds ten shillings.

A petition from Barent Jacob, who hath been indicted in the Mayor's Court for selling spirituous liquors by the small measure without licence, stating his case, and praying that Council would be pleased to direct that no further proceedings may be had against him, was read, and the same referred to the Attorney General.

A letter from John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, dated this day, informing Council that the office of Collector of Excise in the countys of Bedford and Franklin are vacant, by the death of Samuel Crossan in the former, and by the resignation of Richard Parker in the latter, and inclosing an application of several persons in Bedford county, requesting that Mr. Benjamin Martin may be appointed Collector of Excise in that county, was read, and the further consideration thereof postponed untill Tuesday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 21st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Samuel Edie,	William Finley,	
James Martin,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
John Wilkins,	Amos Gregg,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Wilkins, for the sum of forty-three pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council one day in January last and from the twenty-eighth of April untill the twentieth of June, 1790, the last day included, deducting nine days' absence, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favor of Timothy Matlack, Esquire, for the sum of ten pounds, payable out of the sum of six hundred pounds which was appropriated by a resolution of the General Assembly, passed the

thirty-first day of March last, for exploring the head waters of the rivers Susquehanna, Delaware, Lehigh, and Schuylkill, and the western waters within this State, and to be charged to the fund provided by act of the General Assembly of the twenty-eighth day of September, 1789, for claims and improvements, the said sum being advanced to the said Timothy Matlack, in part of his pay as one of the Commissioners for exploring the said western waters, for which sum he is to account.

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of State, dated the seventeenth instant, inclosing two copies of each of the following acts and resolutions of Congress, vizt:

An Act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations;

An Act for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and company;

A Resolution respecting the arrears of pay due to the troops of the lines of the States of Virginia and North Carolina; and

A Resolution for the publication of treaties made or which shall be made under the authority of the United States; was received and read, and a letter written by the President to Mr. Jefferson acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and inclosures.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 22nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	William Findley,	
Zebulun Potts,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Richard Willing,	Amos Gregg,	
John Wilkins.	Abraham Smith, and	
Frederick Watts,	Samuel Edie,	

The Treasurer and Register General's reports upon the accounts of Frederick Conrad, Esquire, Treasurer of the county of Montgomery, containing a statement of taxes collected in the said county in the year 1789, amounting to four thousand two hundred and eighty pounds twelve shillings and eight pence, and of the outstanding taxes for said year amounting to one thousand nine hundred and forty pounds eight shillings and ten pence, was read and approved.

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, and an act of Assembly passed the first of October, 1781, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mary Wert for the sum

of fifteen pound, being one quarter's pension due to her on the first day of February last.

Two letters from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, of the twenty-first instant, informing Council that he had appointed Joseph L. Finley to be Deputy Surveyor of the district late Joshua Elder's, in the county of Westmoreland, bounded southerly by the district of John Moore and Benjamin Lodge, westerly by the Allegany river, northerly by the line of the late purchase, and easterly by the line of Huntingdon county; and James Hamilton to be Deputy Surveyor of district number four, in the new purchase, on the north side of the West Branch of Susquehanna, bounded southerly by the said West Branch, easterly by the district of George Woods, junior, number three, northerly by the State line, and westerly by James Johnston's district, number five; and submitting the said appointments for the approbation of Council, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the eighth of April, 1785, was received and read; and thereupon

Resolved, That Council approve of the said appointments.

On motion of Mr. Findley, seconded by Mr. Smith, it was

Resolved, That Thursday next be assigned for the choice of a Commissioner to attend on the part of this State the settlement of the accounts of Pennsylvania with the United States.

Upon the second reading of the report of a committee to whom was referred the petition of William Owen for the right of pre-emption to a certain island, lying in the Allegany river, about six miles below the mouth of Kiscomenetas river, containing eighty-four acres and six perches, and the usual allowance of six acres p'r cent, &ca., it was

Resolved, That the right of pre-emption to the said island be granted to the said William Owen, provided that he pays for the same within six months from the date hereof, at the rate of twenty-five shillings per acre in funded certificates of this State.

Upon further consideration of the letter received from Mr. Nicholson, received on the eighteenth instant, relative to the office of excise in the counties of Franklin and Bedford, it was unanimously

Resolved, That Doctor Robert Johnston be appointed and commissionated Collector of Excise in the county of Franklin, and that Benjamin Martin be appointed and commissionated Collector of Excise in the county of Bedford.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 23rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	William Findley,	
Zebulun Potts,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Richard Willing,	Abraham Smith,	
John Wilkins,	James Martin, and	
Samuel Edie,	Lord Butler,	

The Treasurer and Register General's reports upon the accounts of Adam Hubley, Esquire, Auctioneer of the district of Southwark, for the State duty upon goods sold at public auction, from the thirteenth of March to the twenty-second of June, 1790, amounting to thirty-four pounds nineteen shillings and nine pence, was read and approved.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Findley, Esquire, for thirty-eight pounds five shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the sixteenth of March till the second of April, and from the twentieth of May till the twenty-third of June, 1790, inclusively.

A petition from Stephen Prosser, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that Council would be pleased to appoint him a Notary and Tabellion Public, being read the second time, and the petitioner being recommended to Council by a number of respectable citizens as a suitable person for that office,

Resolved, That the said Stephen Prosser be appointed and commissionated a Notary and Tabellion Public, in and for this Commonwealth.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 24th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,
Christopher Kucher,	Abraham Smith,
Zebulun Potts,	Amos Gregg,
Richard Willing,	James Martin,
John Wilkins,	Frederick Watts, and
Samuel Edie,	Lord Butler,
William Findley,	

A petition from William Hudson, who hath been indicted in the Mayor's Court for larceny in stealing a stick of firewood, the pro-

perty of Christopher Luckhart, stating his case, and praying that Council would be pleased to direct that no farther proceedings may be had against him, was read, and the same referred to the Attorney General.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Edie, Esquire, for seventy-two pounds, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the first to the sixth of January, and from the third of April to the twenty-fourth of June, 1790, inclusively, and mileage for coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

Colonel Andrew Mann and James Martin, of the county of Bedford, were offered and accepted as sureties for Benjamin Martin, who was appointed on the twenty-second of this month Collector of Excise in the said county.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the appointment of an agent to attend at New York in behalf of this Commonwealth, to state its claims against the United States; and the ballots being taken for the several gentlemen in nomination, it appeared that Charles Pettit, Esquire, was duly elected.

A memorial from the Mayor, Alderman, and citizens of Philadelphia, praying that "any further proceedings in the erection of a new Gunpowder Magazine, may be suspended until the next session of the General Assembly, to the end that the House may consider the subject, if it shall seem meet to them," was read, and an order taken that Tuesday next be appointed for the consideration of the said memorial.

On motion,

Resolved, That Benjamin Wallace, of the county of Dauphine, be appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county.

A petition from Castner Jones, of the State of Delaware, who hath been convicted of an assault and battery upon Alexander Carlisle and James West, Constables of this city, while in the execution of their office, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to pay a fine of three pounds ten shillings to the use of the Commonwealth, praying remission of the said fine, was read; and the Mayor of the city having stated to Council that the said offence did not appear to the Court to have been an aggravated one, it was

Resolved, That the fine aforesaid be remitted.

Upon further consideration of the petition from Isaac Austin, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the sum of seven hundred and sixteen pounds three shillings and three pence, being the sum which was paid by him into the public Treasury for the confiscated estate of William Austin, on the north side of Mulberry street, at the easternmost extremity thereof, in the city of Philadelphia, in pursuance of an act of General Assembly passed the sixth of August, 1784, and which sum, by another act of Assembly passed the eighteenth of February, 1785, is directed to be repaid to the said Isaac Austin.

Upon application of the Board of Commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, an order was also drawn upon the Treasurer in their favor for the sum of five hundred pounds, payable out of the fund appropriated for claims and improvements, to be applied according to the directions of the act to reform the Penal Laws of this State, in building cells and walls in the jail yard of the city and county of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 25th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

James Read, Samuel Edie,
Amos Gregg, Jonas Hartzell,
Christopher Kucher, James Martin,
Abraham Smith, Frederick Watts, and } Esquires.
Zebulun Potts, Lord Butler,
Richard Willing,

Petitions from John Smith and Edward Taylor, of the county of Cumberland, the former convicted of larceny upon two indictments, and the latter of horse stealing, praying that Council would be pleased to grant a remission of the punishment to which they have been sentenced for the said offences, being read the second time, with a recommendation from a number of respectable inhabitants of the borough of Carlisle in their behalf, it was thereupon,

Resolved, That the said John Smith and Edward Taylor be and they are hereby pardoned.

Upon the second reading of a petition from Henry Hews, of the district of Southwark, for remission of a fine of forty pounds, which is due from him to the Commonwealth, upon his being convicted of an assault and battery upon Lawrence Remiss, at a last Court of General Quarter Sessions of the county of Philadelphia, and the petitioner being well recommended to Council, it was

Resolved, To remit the said fine of forty pounds.

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, and an act of Assembly passed the first of October, 1781, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Elizabeth Baxter, for the sum of forty-two pounds three shillings and nine pence, being one quarter's pension due to her on the thirteenth of this month.

The Register and Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Christian Lawrence, for sundry smith work done for the Invalid corps, in the year 1786 and 1787, amounting to twenty shillings, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor.

Of William Mackey, for goods and merchandizes furnished to the troops employed on an expedition to Wyoming, under Doctor William Plunket and others, in the year 1775, to enforce the laws of the Province against the settlers at that place from Connecticut, amounting to thirty-nine pounds seventeen shillings and seven pence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 28th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Richard Willing,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	Lord Butler,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Jonas Hartzell,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this State, ending the twenty-fifth day of this month; and

In favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the same day as one of the Judges of the said Court, according to the Register and Comptroller General's reports.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 29th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts,	
Amos Gregg,	Lord Butler,	
Richard Willing,	Abraham Smith, and	
Samuel Edie,	Jonas Hartzell,	

Agreeably to the Register and Comptroller General's reports, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty

pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the eighteenth of this month as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State.

A letter from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, of the twenty-eighth instant, informing Council that he has appointed Thomas Tucker a Deputy Surveyor of district number sixteen, in the late purchase, bounded to the eastward by Pine creek and the western lines of Samuel Edmiston's and William McClay's district, to the northern boundary of the State; thence along the same west ten miles; thence due south by district No. 15, to the West Branch of the river Susquehanna; thence down the same to the mouth of Pine creek aforesaid; and submitting the said appointment for the approbation of Council, according to act of Assembly passed the eighth day of April, 1785, was received and read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Council approve of the said appointment, and that Samuel Miles, Esquire, member of this Board, and Samuel Wallis, of Northumberland county, be accepted as his sureties.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Gregg, Mr. Willing, Mr. Hartzel, Mr. Kucker and Mr. Smith, be a committee to confer with the Mayor, Alderman and Common Council, on the subject of their representation respecting the gun powder magazine now erecting.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 30th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read, Richard Willing, Christopher Kucher, Amos Gregg, Samuel Edie, Abraham Smith, Frederick Watts, Lord Butler, James Martin, Richard Willing, and Jonas Hartzell, } Esquires.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the accounts of George Wall, Esquire, agent for the sale of confiscated estates in the county of Bucks, for the expences of the sale and partition of an estate in said county of Bucks, which was forfeited to the Commonwealth by Samuel Biles's attainder of high treason, amounting to twelve pounds five shillings and three pence, was read and approved.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Frederick Watts, Esquire, for the sum of forty pounds eleven shillings, being the amount of his account for attendance in Council from the eighth until the seventeenth of

April, and from the twenty sixth of May untill the thirtieth of June, 1790, inclusively, and mileage for coming to Philadelphia in May last, and returning home at this time.

In favor of William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, for the sum of twenty pounds, being the remainder of the sum of forty pounds which, on the seventeenth of September, 1788, Council agreed to allow him for his services in behalf of the State in four actions at law between the Commonwealth and Samuel Miles, Timothy Matlack, the Executors of Caleb Newbold, deceased, and Alexander Boyd and Company.

In favor of Thomas Procter, Esquire, Major of the battalion of artillery in this city, for the sum of twenty pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence, for the purpose of purchasing gun powder and other articles, to be used by the said battalion upon the Aniversary of Independance, the said sum being granted to him upon an estimate this day produced to Council, and for which sum the said Thomas Procter is to be accountable.

In favor of Frederick Sneider for the sum of fifteen pounds, for one month's wages as Door-keeper to Council, ending the thirtieth day of April, 1790.

The Keeper of the jail of the city and county having certified that the time of servitude to which Mark Lugee was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the county of Philadelphia for larceny, is now expired, and that he only remains in confinement for the fine of forty shillings which is due to the Commonwealth; and the said Mark Lugee having by his petition prayed Council would be pleased to remit the said fine, it was thereupon,

Resolved, To remit the said fine of forty shillings.

Upon the second reading of the petitions of Jacob Fritley and John Hagaman, of the county of Luzerne, each fined in the sum of five pounds for keeping a tipling houses contrary to law in the said county, praying remission of the said fines,

Resolved, That the fines of five pounds each imposed upon the petitioners as aforesaid, be remitted.

A petition from Frederick Croner, who is now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, upon being convicted of stealing a bag of money from Colonel Lewis Farmer, stating that the same hath been restored to Colonel Farmer, except a very small sum, and praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon of the said offence, being read the second time, it was

Resolved, That the said Frederick Croner be and he is hereby pardoned.

On consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Paisley,

Resolved, That the Attorney General be directed to stay all further proceedings against the said Robert Paisley, for the recovery of a debt due from him to the Commonwealth, upon a judg-

ment obtained at the suit of the Collector of the Customs for the term of four years from the date hereof, the said Paisley having made an assignment to the Commonwealth, of a certain bond for two hundred and ninety pounds, which is due to him from a certain Charles Hamilton, together with the interest thereon, the petitioner to be eventually answerable for the ballance which may be due to the State.

In Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 1st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Samuel Edie,	James Read, and	
James Martin,	Amos Gregg,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Edie, Esquire, for the sum of six pounds, in full for attendance in Council, from the twenty-fifth of June to the second of July, 1790, inclusively.

Upon the second reading of a petition from John Middleton, who is now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, stating that he has made restitution for the property stolen, and praying a pardon, it was

Resolved, To pardon the said John Middleton.

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of State, of the twenty-fifth of last month, inclosing two copies of the act of Congress, for giving effect to an act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States, within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, was received and read, and a letter written by the President to Mr. Jefferson, acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and enclosures.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 2nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	
Zebulun Potts,	Lord Butler,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg, and	
Samuel Edie,	James Read,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Miles, Esquire, for sixty-nine pounds five shillings being the amount of his account for attendance in Council, from the first day of April untill the second day of July, 1790, inclusively.

A letter from John Donaldson, Esquire, Register General, of this date, informing Council that some private business of great importance to himself calls his attention to New York for a few days, and requesting permission from this Board to be absent from Monday next untill the latter part of the week, was read, and it was agreed to grant the said permission.

The petition from Edmund Mallery, praying for a remission of the State's share of a forfeiture of fourteen hundred and eighty-one gallons of spirituous liquors, which he has incurred for neglecting to enter the same with the Collector of Excise, with a recommendation of Council in his behalf, from a number of respectable citizens, being again taken into consideration, and Edward Bartholomew, Esquire, Collector of Excise, having informed Council that he intended to relinquish his part of the said forfeiture, except five hundred and forty-one gallons, being one half of ten hogsheads of rum which Mallery purchased of John Vaughan and Bankson,

It was, on motion of Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Kucher,

Resolved, To remit the State's share of the said forfeiture, except five hundred and forty-one gallons, which is one half of the ten hogsheads purchased as aforesaid.

The memorial of Michael Morgan O'Brien, praying that this Board would be pleased to direct that certain certificates, amounting to the sum of four hundred and eighty-nine pounds thirteen shillings and six pence, which he paid to Colonel Francis Johnston, Receiver General of the Land office, for two city lotts near the river Schuylkill, numbered 1599, may be returned to him, alledging that the same were purchased by mistake, being read the second time, and the receiver General of the Land office having certified to Council, that by reason of the mistake the said certificates have not been paid into the Treasury, but were designedly retained

in his hands, and it appearing to Council that there was a mistake in the said purchase, it was on full consideration of the case,

Resolved, To resume the said lots, and that the Receiver General of the Land office be directed to return to the memorialist, the certificates paid by him as aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 3rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
Zebulun Potts,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Miles,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing, and	
James Martin,	Amos Gregg,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Rakestraw and William Colliday, for the sum of three hundred pounds, being the ballance of the sum of eleven hundred pounds, which was appropriated by a resolution of the General Assembly of the twenty-fifth of March, 1789, for repairing the State house, for which sum the said Rakestraw and Colliday are to be accountable.

Upon further consideration of the petition of Lawrence Pennington, for a remission of the fine of twenty-five pounds and one year's punishment at hard labour, to which he was sentenced by the Mayor's Court for forgery, and the petitioner being well recommended to Council, it was

Resolved unanimously, That the said Lawrence Pennington be, and he is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 6th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Abraham Smith,	Lord Butler, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Richard Willing,	

Mr. Butler was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the present month.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 7th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	
Zebulun Potts,	Abraham Smith, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
Jonas Hartzell,		

Upon further consideration of a petition from William Nelson, of Lancaster county, for a remission of that part of the forfeiture which is the property of the State, in consequence of a seizure of two hogsheads of rum by the Collector of Excise in the said county, and a recommendation in behalf of the petitioner from the said Collector, it was

Resolved, To remit the State's share of the said forfeiture.

A letter from the Secretary at War of the United States, informing that Colonel McGilvivray and a number of the principal chiefs of the Creek nation of Indians are on their way to New York, and requesting that a proper attention may be paid to them, should they pass through this city, was read, and it was agreed that the Secretary take order respecting them.

Lawrence Myers, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Luzerne, upon a return made according to law for the district of the township of Kingston, in said county.

A note from the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, requesting the favor of Council to attend a public commencement to be held to-morrow in the German Reformed Church in Race street, was received and read, and it was agreed to attend.

Application being made by John Byers and Frederick McPherson, of the county of Northumberland, for the right of pre-emption to two small islands in the West Branch of Susquehanna, one of them in the possession of the said John Buyers, on which there is a small improvement, and containing one acre and one hundred and forty perches, opposite land of William McCroskey, and the other in the possession of the said Frederick McPherson, improved about four years, containing one acre and a quarter, and lying between John McPherson's land and land of John Lee and John Buyers, it was, on motion of Colonel Smith,

Resolved, That the said applications be referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Butler, and Mr. Potts.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 8th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	Abraham Smith,	
Lord Butler,		

Agreeably to the invitation of yesterday from the faculty of the University, Council attended their commencement for conferring of degrees, which was held at the German Reformed church in Race street.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 9th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
James Read,	Amos Gregg,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Abraham Smith, and	
Lord Butler,	Richard Willing,	

A letter signed Robert Fleming, and directed to Colonel William Wilson, Member of Council at Northumberland Town, and a letter from Colonel Wilson and Charles Smith, Jasper Ewing, and Christian Gettig, Esq'r, of said town, informing Council that two friendly Indians, (supposed to be of the Seneca nation,) who came into the settlement on Pine creek in order to trade with the inhabitants, were, on the evening of the twenty-seventh ultimo, barbarously murdered by Benjamin Walker, Henry Walker, Joseph Walker, and Samuel Doyle, and inclosing the depositions of William Moore and Robert King, concerning the said murder, were received and read, and the same being duly considered, it was, on motion of the Vice President, seconded by Mr. Kucher,

Resolved, That a proclamation be immediately issued, offering the reward of eight hundred dollars for apprehending and securing Benjamin Walker, Henry Walker, Joseph Walker, and Samuel Doyle, or two hundred dollars for each and every of them, to be paid on their conviction for the said offence.

And a draft of a proclamation was laid before the Board, was agreed to, as follows, vizt:

Pennsylvania, ss:

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, It appears to us by the depositions of William Moore and Robert King, taken according to law, that two friendly Indians who came into the settlement on Pine Creek, in Northumberland county, in order to trade with the inhabitants of the said county, were on the evening of the twenty-seventh ultimo, barbarously murdered by Benjamin Walker, Henry Walker, Joseph Walker, and Samuel Doyle:

And whereas, It is of the utmost importance to the lives of the good people of this State, and a due execution of the laws, that the perpetrators of a crime so horrid, should be brought to condign and exemplary punishment: We have therefore thought proper to issue this proclamation, hereby engaging that the public reward of eight hundred dollars shall be paid to any person or persons who shall apprehend and secure the said Benjamin Walker, Henry Walker, Joseph Walker, and Samuel Doyle, or two hundred dollars for each and every of them, to be paid on their conviction for the said offence.

Given in Council, under the hand of his Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this ninth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Attest—CHARLES BIDDLE, Sec'ry.

On motion,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the said letters be postponed until this afternoon at four o'clock.

Upon the second reading of a petition from Dorothy Fox, in behalf of her husband, Christian Fox, for remission of the fine and punishment at hard labour, to which he was sentenced by the Mayor's Court for larceny, and the petitioner being well recommended to Council, it was

Resolved, To pardon the said Christian Fox.

The Council met at 4 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

As in the morning.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of His Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, for the sum of three hundred and

seventy-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as President of the State, for which sum he is to account.

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of State, inclosing two copies of each of the following acts of Congress, vizt:

An Act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations.

An Act for the relief of Nathaniel Twining; and

An Act to satisfy the claims of John McCord against the United States, was received and read.

Council resumed the consideration of the letters which were received yesterday, respecting the murder of two friendly Indians, and thereupon drafts of two letters, the one in answer to the letter received from Colonel Wilson and others, and the other to the Chiefs of the Seneca nation, were laid before Council and approved as follows, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, July 9th, 1790.

Gentlemen:—We have received your letter of the second instant, with the inclosures, respecting the barbarous murder committed on two Indians, and have issued a proclamation offering a reward for apprehending and securing the offenders, that they may be brought to justice. You will receive with this copy of the proclamation, and request you will send one or more of them to the Indians, with the letter herewith enclosed. Other copies of the proclamation you will be pleased to disperse through the county, and we hope that, independant of the reward, motives of justice, and a sence of the danger to which the inhabitants of the frontiers settlements may be exposed from the incursions of the Indians, if those atrocious offenders should be suffered to escape, will stimulate the good citizens of your county to pursue and to bring the offenders to condign punishment.

I am, gentlemen, with great respect,

Your obedient and most humble servant,

GEORGE ROSS, V. P.

To William Wilson, Charles Smith, Jasper Ewing, and William Cook and Christian Getting, Esquires.

P. S. Council were not informed by your letter to what tribes those Indians who were murdered belonged, they have therefore left a blank for the address in the letter to the Indians, and request you will make enquiry and fill it up.

GEORGE ROSS, V. Presid't.

In Council, Philadelphia, July 9th, 1790.

Brothers:—It is with the utmost concern Council have received intelligence from Northumberland county, that two of your people who came as friends into the settlement at Pine Creek, have been barbarously murdered. Upon the receipt of that information a

Proclamation offering a reward of eight hundred dollars for apprehending the murderers has been issued by us. You may rest assured that the government of Pennsylvania has the warmest friendship for, and the utmost sincere attachment to your people, and that we will do every thing in our power to have the murderers brought to punishment, and hope that the peace and harmony between you and the good people of Pennsylvania will not be disturbed by this melancholy event.

GEORGE ROSS, Vice President.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 10th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Amos Gregg,	James Martin, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Lord Butler,	
Jonas Hartzell,		

A general return of militia officers for the county of Lancaster, with a certificate from Colonel James Ross, Lieutenant of that county, that the said officers have been elected agreeably to law, were received and read, and commissions directed to issue agreeably thereto.

Application being made by Daniel Bradley, of the county of for the right of pre-emption to a small island in the river Susquehanna in the county of Northumberland; it was

Resolved, That the said application be referred to Colonel Smith, Mr. Butler and Mr. Potts, the Committee to whom a similar application on the seventh instant was referred.

Upon the second reading of a petition from George Isler, for remission of that part of the forfeiture of one hogshead of rum containing one hundred and sixteen gallons, which is the property of the State, lately seized by the Collector of Excise of the county of Philadelphia, and a recommendation from the Aldermen who heard and determined respecting the said seizure; it was

Resolved, To remit the State's share of the said forfeiture.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 12th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Zebulon Potts,	Richard Willing,	
Lord Butler,		

Agreeably to the Register and Comptroller General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt: In favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the twenty-fifth of last month, as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

In favor of James Duncan, for fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the tenth instant, as Clerk in the Comptroller General's office, according to an Act of General Assembly, passed the fourth day of April, 1785.

In favor of Abraham Sheeds, for thirteen pounds five shillings and three pence, being the amount of his account for repairing the public arms belonging to the militia of the county of Bucks, under an order of Council dated the fourth day of December, 1787.

Two accounts of David Duncan, of Pittsburgh, for moneys advanced on account of the State for supplies furnished to the troops employed for defence of the frontiers in the late war, which were read and approved the twenty-first of March, 1783, being now before the Board, and it appearing by the Act of Assembly, passed the first of April, 1784, that Council are precluded from drawing orders for monies on the Treasury for the same; it was

Resolved, That Council cannot draw orders upon the said accounts, but that Mr. Duncan may take certificates for the account due thereon, agreeably to the Act of Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 13th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Richard Willing,	
Lord Butler,		

Upon the second reading of a petition of Leonard Lesher, and a recommendation from the Justices of the Court of General Quartor Sessions of the county of Philadelphia, and several respectable inhabitants, for remission of the fine of ten pounds to which he was sentenced for keeping a tipling house contrary to law; it was

Resolved, That the said fine of ten pounds to which he was sentenced be remitted.

Two fines of twenty shillings each, due to the Commonwealth, which were imposed upon Samuel Morris and Richard Sackett, by the last Mayor's Court for assault and battery, were also remitted, agreeably to the prayer of their petitions.

The keeper of the jail having certified to Council that the time of servitude, to which Martin Bough, was sentenced by the Mayor's Court for larceny is expired, and that he only remains in confinement for a fine of eight shillings and four pence, due to the Commonwealth, which he is unable to pay, and the said Martin Bow, having praying Council to remit the same; it was

Resolved, To grant the prayer of the petitioner.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 14th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Abraham Smith,	
Zebulun Potts,	Jonas Hartzell,	
James Read,	Richard Willing, and	
Lord Butler,	James Martin,	

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of State, of the ninth instant, inclosing two copies of each of

the following acts of Congress, vizt: An Act for giving effect to an act intituled An Act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and An Act to authorize the purchase of a tract of land for the use of the United States, was received and read, and a letter written by the Vice President to Mr. Jefferson, acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and inclosures.

A petition from James Dugan, praying that Council would be pleased to remit a fine of fifteen shillings, which was imposed upon him by the Mayor's Court for an assault and battery upon his wife, was received and read, and the petitioner being well recommended to Council, and it appearing that he has given security for his peaceable behaviour; it was thereupon

Resolved, To remit the said fine.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 15th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
Zebulun Potts,	Abraham Smith,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Richard Willing,	James Martin,	
Lord Butler,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, Esquire, for twenty-three pounds five shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the fourteenth of June until the fifteenth of July, 1790, the last day included.

A petition from William Henderson, who hath been indicted in the Supreme Court for extortion in receiving greater and other fees than are allowed by law, while he acted as a Deputy to John Jones, Esquire, late Health Officer, praying that Council would be pleased to direct that no further proceedings may be had against him upon the said indictment, being read the second time, it was

Resolved, That the said petition be referred to the Attorney General.

Joel Willis, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Delaware, upon a return made according to law from the town of Chester, in the said county.

Upon the second reading of a petition from James McGlaughlin, who is now confined at hard labour in the jail of the city and county

of Philadelphia for larceny, praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a remission of the punishment at hard labour and the fine due to the State, to which he was sentenced for the said offence,

Resolved, That the said James McGlaughlin be and he is hereby pardoned.

Two letters from Germany, one of them respecting a certain Sixtus Keller, and the other giving information of some property left by Joanna Catherine, (mother of the wife of Adam Frederick Longyear, who came from that country about forty years ago,) to her grand children, were received and read, and it was

Resolved, That the Secretary take order concerning them.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 16th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Richard Willing,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Zebulun Potts,	James Martin, and	
Lord Butler,	Samuel Miles,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Comptroller General of the Accounts of this State on the thirteenth instant, according to the Register General's report and an act of Assembly dated the fourth of April, 1785.

Chistian Oyster, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Franklin, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township of Franklin, in the said county.

A note from the Trustees and Faculty of the College of Philadelphia, requesting the favor of Council to attend a public commencement, to be held to-morrow in the College hall at nine o'clock, was received and read, and it was agreed to attend.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 17th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Richard Willing,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Zebulun Potts,	Samuel Miles, and	
Lord Butler,	James Martin,	

A draft of a letter from Council to Colonel Alexander McGillivray and the other Chiefs and Warriors of the Creek Nation of Indians, who are now in this city, on their way to Congress, was laid before the Board and agreed to, as follows, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, July 17th, 1790.

SIR:—The President and Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania are happy in the opportunity of welcoming you to the city of Philad'a, and of assuring you and the great Chiefs and Warriors of the Creek Nation, who accompany you, of our most cordial wish to render your stay here convenient and agreeable.

We have received a letter from the Secretary of War at New York, written by order of the President General of the United States, intimating your desire of taking this route, and recommending you to our attention and regard. That communication demonstrates indeed the President General's earnest desire to cultivate every means for establishing a good understanding between the citizens of the United States and their brethern of the Creek Nation; but it was unnecessary on the present occasion, as our own feelings sufficiently prompt us to testify our personal esteem for you, and as we hope the conduct of Pennsylvania, from the landing of William Penn to this day, has unequivocally proved *her* love of justice, *her* disposition for peace, and *her* respect for the rights and happiness of her neighbours.

It is with sincere pleasure that we anticipate from the object of your journey the establishment of a lasting harmony between your Nation and the United States of America; and we are persuaded that you will coincide in opinion that (however the ambition or turbulence of individuals may sometimes mislead them) our common country furnishes room enough for all its inhabitants, and that the real interests of all will be best promoted by mutual forbearance and a reciprocity of good offices.

Be pleased then, Sir, to communicate, with a cordial welcome to our city, these sentiments of the great Chiefs who have accompanied you, and to bear them in your own mind. They are the sen-

timents not only of the persons who now address you, but likewise, we are confident, of all who are engaged in the administration of public affairs, and indeed, of all the virtuous citizens of the American Union. If, therefore, they obtain the credit and confidence to which they are entituled, our latest posterity will have occasion to rejoice, and to bless that benevolent policy which extinguishes National prejudice and resentment, will at length unite us in the grateful bonds of peace and friendship.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Colonel Alexander McGillivray and others, Chiefs and Warriors of the Creek Nation of Indians.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 19th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Abraham Smith,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing, and	
Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	

On motion,

Ordered, That the letter which was agreed to in Council on the seventeenth instant, be handed this morning to Colonel Alexander McGillivray, and that the Secretary read the same in his presence and of the Chiefs who accompany him.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 20th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Lord Butler,	
Jonas Hartzell,		

The Secretary informed Council, that agreeably to the order of yesterday, he waited on Colonel McGillivray and the Chiefs ac-

companying him, and read the letter addressed to them by the President, and that Colonel McGillivray intended to return an answer.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 21st, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Zebulun Potts,	Samuel Miles,	
James Martin,	Lord Butler, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	Richard Willing,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 22nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,
Zebulun Potts,	Abraham Smith,
James Read,	Lord Butler,
James Martin,	Richard Willing, and
Jonas Hartzell,	Nathaniel Breading,
Samuel Miles,	[now returned.]

Upon the second reading of the petition of Robert and Hannah Crosser, praying for a remission of the State's share of a forfeiture of one hundred and fourteen gallons of rum, which they have incurred for not entering it agreeably to law, and a recommendation in favor of Hannah Crosser,

Resolved, That the State's share of the said forfeiture be remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Martin, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-five pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for his wages as Councillor from the nineteenth of June until the twenty-second of July, 1790, inclusively.

An order was also drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Timothy Matlack, Esquire, for the sum of ten pounds, payable out of the six hundred pounds which was appropriated by a resolution of

the General Assembly passed the thirty-first of March, 1790, for exploring the head waters of Susquehanna, Delaware, Lehigh and Schuylkill, and the Western waters within this State, and to be charged to the fund provided by an act of the General Assembly passed the twenty-eighth day of September, 1789, for claims and improvements, the said sum being advanced to the said Timothy Matlack in part of his pay as one of the Commissioners for exploring the said Western waters, for which sum he is to account.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mrs. Jane Roseborough, widow of the Reverend John Roseborough, for the sum of two hundred and four pounds fifteen shillings, being the amount of pension due to her from the eighteenth of May, 1788, until the eighteenth of May, 1790, according to the Comptroller General and Register General's reports, and an order of the Orphans' Court of Northampton county, in pursuance of an act of Assembly passed the twenty seventh of March last.

William Smith was appointed a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Mifflin; and Thomas Gregg a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Fayette, upon two returns, made according to law, the one from the district of Derry, in the county of Mifflin, and the other from the district of Luzerne, in the county of Fayette.

Council proceeded to the further consideration of the returns of elections of Justices of the Peace lately held in the districts of Bedford and Colerain, in the county of Bedford, with petitions accompanying the same, complaining of illegal proceedings at the said elections, and praying that Council would be pleased to order an enquiry into the irregular proceedings complained of; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That David Espy, Jacob Wink and William Patterson, Esquires, Justices of the Peace living near the said districts, be authorized and instructed to investigate the said complaints, upon the oaths of such witnesses as may be adduced, and make report of their proceedings to this Board, in the manner and form prescribed in and by an act of the General Assembly passed the thirty-first day of March, 1784, entituled "An act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace in the several counties throughout this State," &c.

A petition from James Cloyd, of the county of Chester, with a certificate from the Collector of Excise in the said county of Chester, in his favor, being read the second time, it was

Resolved, To remit the State's share of the forfeiture of one hogshead of rum, which was lately seized by the said Collector as not being entered according to law.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of John Craig, Esquire, Collector of Excise in the county of Northampton, for excise collected by him from the day of his appointment untill the twentieth day of June, 1789, amounting to three hundred and fifty nine pounds six shillings.

Of Richard Parker, Esquire, Collector of Excise in the county of Cumberland, for excise collected by him from the fourth day of June, 1787, until the twenty seventh day of June, 1789, amounting to four hundred and sixty pounds eighteen shillings and four pence; and

Of Andrew Forrest, Esquire, Collector of Excise in the county of Dauphine, for excise collected by him from the first of August, 1787, until the first day of August, 1788, amounting to five hundred and thirty pounds two shillings and four pence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 23rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	
Christopher Kucher,	Lord Butler,	
Zebulun Potts,	Nathaniel Breading, and	
James Martin,	Richard Willing,	
Jonas Hartzell,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the accounts following, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Andrew Graff, for the time of his servant man, Peter Gessehamer, who was inlisted on the fifth of April, 1777, with Ensign Jacob Weitzel, in Colonel Patton's regiment, estimated at ten pounds Continental money by a Justice of the Peace and two freeholders of Lancaster county, on the eighth of May, 1788, which, at the exchange of five for one, is two pounds specie.

Of Captain Joseph Stiles, for one year's salary as Commissary of Military Stores, ending the eighth of February, 1790, and for storing the public arms, &ca., for one year, ending March 6th last, amounting to sixty-three pounds fourteen shillings and four pence, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer.

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of State, of the nineteenth of July instant, inclosing two copies, duly authenticated, of the act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States, and of the act further to provide for the payment of the invalid pensioners of the United States, was received and read, and a let-

ter written by the Vice President to Mr. Jefferson, acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and inclosures.

A letter from our Senators and Delegates in the House of Representatives of the United States, on the subject of the temporary and permanent seat of government of the United States, was also received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 24th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Amos Gregg,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Lord Butler,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	James Martin,	
Zebulun Potts,		

A letter from Mr. Benjamin Franklin Bache, informing Council that he proposes to publish a newspaper in this city, and requesting they would be pleased to take from him a number of the same, equally with the other printers, was read; and thereupon, it was

Resolved, To take six of the said newspapers on each day of publication.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 26th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
Lord Butler,	Richard Willing, and	
Abraham Smith,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Nathaniel Breading.		

Colonel Smith, who was requested to make enquiry on the application of Major McGowan, informs Council that Mr. McGowan had obtained a certificate from the Comptroller General, upon which an order of Council had issued, for the sum of seven pounds ten, which orders (by Mr. Bankson's certificate) appears to be lost; and the late and present Treasurers having also certified that the order

issued in consequence of the Comptroller General's certificate had not been paid at the Treasury; therefore,

Resolved, That an order be now issued on the Treasurer in favor of the said Major McGowan, for the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, in lieu of the order which appears to be lost.

Council being informed, that in consequence of the corporations erecting the City Hall, the necessary in the State House yard must be taken down,

Resolved, That a proper place be fixed upon, and workmen employed to erect a building for a necessary.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 27th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Richard Willing,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Abraham Smith,	Lord Butler, and	
Amos Gregg,	Jonas Hartzell,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Charles Biddle, Esquire, Secretary of Council, for fees received in the Secretary's Office from the twenty-sixth of January, 1789, untill the twenty-third of July, amounting to four hundred and fifty-seven pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence.

Of Joseph Dolby, for ringing the bells on the anniversary of independence, and on the arrival of Colonel Allexander McGillivray with the Chiefs of the Creek Nation of Indians, amounting to twelve pounds, which sum the Secretary was directed to pay to the said Joseph Dolby.

James Clemson, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Lancaster, upon a return made according to law from the district of the townships of Sadsbury and Salisbury, in the said county.

A letter from Colonel Francis Johnson, Receiver General of the Land Office, informing Council that some errors have been discovered in the survey of a tract of land on Girties run, within the reserved tract opposite Pittsburgh, which was purchased by Mr. William Turnbull, and submitting it to Council whether it will be proper to have a re-survey made of the said tract to correct the said errors, was read, and the same referred to the Surveyor General.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 28th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Amos Gregg,
Zebulun Potts, Nathaniel Breading,
Christopher Kucher, Lord Butler, and } Esquires
Abraham Smith, Jonas Hartzell,
Richard Willing,

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of William Craig, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Northampton, for monies collected by him for the tax upon writs, and the fees upon tavern licences from June, 1788, untill September, 1789, amounting to two hundred and sixty-two pounds twelve shillings and six pence.

Of Robert Aitken for blank books and stationary furnished to the State Convention from July the sixteenth till August the thirtieth, 1786, amounting to five pounds three shillings.

Of Valentine Hoffman for sundry repairs to the gun carriges belonging to the State, amounting to nine pounds and six pence, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer.

A letter from Charles Pettit, Esquire, of the twenty-seventh instant, informing Council that in pursuance of his appointment as Commissioner for settling the accounts between this state and the United States, he had attended at New York, &ca., was received and read,

Zephaniah Bell, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Washington, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township of Bethlehem, in the said county.

A petition from Hugh Wiley, stating that he became bound by recognizance for the appearance of a certain Rachel Beatty at the Court of Quarter Sessions of Franklin county, to answer to an indictment for larceny, that the said Rachel did not appear, and his recognizance is forfeited, and praying remission of the said forfeiture, being read the second time with a recommendation from several respectable inhabitants of the said county in favor of the petitioner; it was thereupon,

Resolved, To grant the prayer of the said petition.

The fines of five pounds each imposed by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the county of Luzerne upon Philip Meyer and Jacob Shineberger for keeping tipling houses in the said county

contrary to law, were remitted agreeably to the prayer of their petitions.

James Johnston and Henry Pawling were offered and accepted as sureties for Doctor Robert Johnston who was on the twenty-second of June last appointed Collector of Excise for Franklin county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 29th, 1790.

PRESENT :

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg, and	
Abraham Smith,	Jonas Hartzell,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt :

In favor of Eve Withington for the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds, being the arrearages of pension due to her from the eleventh of May, 1777, until the first day of March, 1780, and from the sixteenth of June, 1789, until the sixteenth of July, 1790, according to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, and an order of the Orphans' Court of Berks county, of the seventeenth instant, in persuance of an act of Assembly passed the first day of March, 1780.

In favor of Lucinda Piper for the sum of one hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings for her pension from the first of September, 1789, to the first day of July, 1790, according to the Comptroller and Register General reports, and an order of Orphans' Court of Cumberland county, dated the twenty-eight day of June, 1790, in pursuance of an act of Assembly of the first day of October, 1781.

In favor of Elizabeth Baxter for the sum of forty-two pounds three shillings and nine pence, being one quarter's pension due to her from the fourteenth of December, 1789, until the the 13th of March, 1790, according to the Register and Comptroller General's reports, and an order of Orphans' Court of Bucks county, dated March the eleventh, 1790, in pursuance of an act of Assembly passed the first day of October, 1781.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 30th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	James Read,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	Nathaniel Breading,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of the contributors of the Pennsylvania hospital for boarding David Grady, a pensioner, from the fifteenth of March, 1787, until the first of May, 1790, three years, one month and two weeks, at twenty-two pound ten shillings per annum, by which a ballance of thirty-five pounds three shillings and nine pence appears to be due to the said contributors, was read and approved, and for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer.

The keeper of the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia having certified to Council that the times of servitude to which Francis Garvin and James Dickson were sentenced for larceny are expired, that they have been of good behaviour during their confinement, and remain in prison for the fines due to the State; whereupon,

Resolved, That the several fines due to the State from the said Francis Garvin and James Dickson, be remitted agreeably to the prayer of their petitions.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 31st, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
James Read,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Richard Willing,	Christopher Kucher,	
Amos Gregg,		

A petition from Jacob Rudolph of the county of Montgomery, with a recommendation from the Justices of the said county in his behalf, for remission of a fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon him by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, for keeping a tipling house, being laid before Council and

read and it appearing that since the conviction the petitioner has obtained a licence to keep a public house; it was thereupon,

Resolved, To remit the said fine.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 3rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	James Read,
Richard Willing,	Nathaniel Breading,
Zebulun Potts,	Abraham Smith,
Christopher Kucher,	Lord Butler, and
Amos Gregg,	Benjamin Elliott, (now returned.)

Mr. Elliott was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the present month.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 4th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	James Read,	Esquires.
Zebulun Potts,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,	Lord Butler, and	
Nathaniel Breading,	Richard Willing,	
Benjamin Elliott,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Lord Butler, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the twenty-fourth of June until the fourth of August, 1790, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for sixteen pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, being the amount of his account for one month's wages as Door-keeper to Council, ending the thirty-first of July, and for cash paid for pasting up proclamations, and for cleaning the Council Chamber.

On motion of, Mr. Breading was appointed to attend the Board of Property this day, in the place of Mr. Elliott, who was appoint-

ed yesterday, and who is interested in a cause which is to come on this morning.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 5th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Zebulun Potts,	James Elliott,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	James Read,	
Samuel, Miles,	Jonas Hartzell and,	
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of State, inclosing the following acts of Congress, vizt:

An Act to amend an act for the establishment and support of light houses, beacons, buoys and public piers.

An Act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes.

An Act providing for holding a treaty or treaties to establish peace with certain Indian tribes.

And an Act for the government and regulation of seamen in the Merchant's service, was received and read, and a letter was written by the Vice President to Mr. Jefferson, acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and enclosures.

A petition from Messieurs Herpst and Lex, of the city of Philadelphia, stating that two hogsheads of rum had been sent by them to Henry Hersh, of Womelsdorf in the county of Berks, that by mistake, Mr. Herbst entered them for Dauphine county, supposing Womelsdorf to be in that county, by which mistake the said rum was seized by the Collector of Excise for Berks county, being read, and it appearing to the satisfaction of Council, that no fraud whatever was intended either by Herbst and Lex or by Henry Hersh,

Resolved, That the State's share of the forfeiture of the said two Hogsheads of Rum, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 6th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Zebulun Potts, Abraham Smith, Nathaniel Breading, Richard Willing, Amos Gregg, and Christopher Kucher, Benjamin Elliott, Jonas Hartzell, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as Vice President, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of the Honorable Richard Willing, Esquire, for fifty-nine pounds five shillings, in full of his account for seventy nine days attendance in Council, between the twenty-eighth of April and sixth of August, 1790, the last day included.

In favor of William Banks, for forty-two pounds seventeen shillings and two pence, being the amount of his account for one quarter's salary as Clerk in the Register General's office, ending the fifth instant, according to the Register and Comptroller General's reports of the sixth instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 7th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Zebulun Potts, Samuel Miles, Nathaniel Breading, Christopher Kucher, Amos Gregg, and Richard Willing, Benjamin Elliott, Jonas Hartzell, } Esquires.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, for the sum of sixty-two pounds eight shillings and eight pence, payable according to an act of Assembly dated the twenty-ninth day of September, 1789, out of the fund appropriated for claims and improvements, established by the act of Assembly entituled "An Act to appropriate divers funds accruing and growing due to this Commonwealth, towards the payment of the expences of government, and to provide a fund for other purposes," passed the twenty-sixth of March, 1789, being the amount of his account

for repairing public arms for the use of the militia of the county of Chester, agreeably to the Register and Comptroller General's reports of the sixth instant.

A petition from Eleanor Byron, who is now confined at hard labour in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia for larceny, stating that this is the first offence, that she is of a reputable family, and only seventeen years of age, and praying that Council would be pleased to grant her a pardon, being read, and the petitioner being well recommended to Council; it was thereupon,

Resolved, To pardon the said Eleanor Byron.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 9th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read
Richard, Willing,
Abraham Smith,
Christopher Kucher,
Amos Gregg,
Benjamin Elliott,
Jonas Hartzell,
Nathaniel Breading, and
William Wilson, (now returned)

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, August 10th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice Presid't.

Samuel Miles,
James Read,
Amos Gregg,
Richard Willing,
Abraham Smith,
Benjamin Elliott,
Jonas Hartzell,
Nathaniel Breading,
Mr. Potts,
Christopher Kucher, and
William Wilson,
} Esquires.

Upon consideration of the petition of Mary Cunningham, now confined in the jail of this city for larceny, and a certificate from the Jailor that her time of servitude is expired, it was

Resolved, To remit the fine of twelve pounds, to which she was sentenced for the said offence.

On motion of Colonel Miles, it was

Resolved, That the several depositions respecting the murder of two friendley Indians, on the waters of Pine Creek in the county of

Northumberland, be transmitted to the Attorney General, in order that presentment may be made in the proper county, against the murderers.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 11th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Jonas Hartzell,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg, and	
Benjamin Elliott,	William Wilson,	

A return of officers chosen in the fifth battalion of Berks county militia, was received from Colonel Vallentine Eckart, the Lieutenant of that county, and the same being read, commissions were directed to be issued agreeably thereto.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Vice President, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Miles and Mr. Smith, be a committee to consider of and report to Council the heads of a message to the Legislature, at their next meeting.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 12th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Benjamin Elliott,	Esquires.
James Read,	William Wilson,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	William Findley,	
Zebulun Potts,		

Agreeably to the Register and Comptroller General's reports of the twenty-third of July last, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Ephraim Douglass, Esquire, for the sum of seven hundred and sixty-three pounds, payable according to an act of Assembly passed the third day of March last, out of the fund appro-

priated for claims and improvments by act, entituled "An Act to provide divers funds accruing and growing due to this Commonwealth towards the expences of Government, and to provide a fund for other purposes," so as not to interfere with the appropriation of part of the said fund made and directed by an act, entituled An Act to appropriate the sum of five thousand pounds annually for the purposes therein mentioned, &ca, being the amount of his account for surveying two hundred and eighteen lots of land in district number three of the depreciation lands.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 13th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg,	Jonas Hartzell,
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,
Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watts,
Benjamin Elliott,	William Findley, and
Abraham Smith,	James Martin, (now returned)
Zebulun Potts,	
Nathaniel Breading,	

A return of officers elected in the first, second and fourth battalions of militia of Chester county, was received from Joseph McClellan, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the said county; and the same being read, and commissions were directed to issue agreeably thereto.

A petition from Abraham Sheridan, of Berks county, stating that he keeps a public house of entertainment in the said county; that he is unable to pay his tavern licence fees and excise, and praying Council would be pleased to exempt him from the payment of the same, was read, and an order taken that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Upon further consideration of the petition of Peter Roberts, who was convicted of a misdemeanor in having defrauded Mary Eyre, and is now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, with a recommendation from a number of respectable citizens in his behalf, and Mrs. Eyre having informed Council that the petitioner has made restitution to her for the property stolen, and signified to the Board a wish that he may be released from confinement, it was thereupon

Resolved, That the fine of the State and the imprisonment at hard labor, to which the petitioner was sentenced for the said offence, be remitted, on condition of his leaving the United States, not to return.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Jonas Hartzell, for the sum of seventy-eight pounds, in full

of his attendance in Council one hundred days, between the seventh of April and thirteenth of August, 1790, the last day included.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 14th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	William Finley,	
Richard Willing,	William Wilson,	
James Read,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathaniel Breading, and	
Abraham Smith,	James Martin,	
Zebulun Potts,		

The Treasurer and Register General's reports upon the account of Francis Johnston, Esquire, Receiver General of the Land Office, for fees received in the said office in the months of May, June and July, 1790, amounting to two hundred and eighty-six pounds, fifteen shillings and six pence, was read and approved.

Agreeably to the Register and Comptroller General's reports upon the following, orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and forty-five pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence, for his salary as Attorney General of this State from the first of January until the first of August, 1790.

In favor of Mary Magdelan Rowe for the sum of fifteen pounds five shillings, being the amount of a warrant of Council in her favour dated the twenty-fifth of November, 1789, for her pension due from the twenty-sixth of September, 1786, until the seventh of October, 1788, payable out of the fund arising from militia fines; but the said fund not being productive, the said warrant is now delivered up to be cancelled.

In favor of the said Mary Magdelan Rowe for thirteen pounds fifteen shillings, being the amount of her account for pension from the seventh of October, 1788, until the seventh of August, 1790, according to a decree of the Orphans' Court of the county of Northumberland, dated the twenty eighth day of May last.

In favor of Mary Anne Lepley for twenty-nine pounds eight shillings, being the amount of pension due to her from the twenty-eighth of June, 1786, to the twenty-eighth of July, 1790, according to a decree of the Orphans' Court of the county of Northumberland, dated the sixth day of July last.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 16th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, James Martin,
Abraham Smith, Frederick Watts,
Richard Willing, William Findley,
Zebulun Potts, Benjamin Elliott, and } Esquires.
Amos Gregg, William Wilson,
Nathaniel Breading,

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Mary Neese for the sum of eighty-four pounds, being the amount of a warrant of Council dated the twenty-seventh of December, 1788, which was drawn in her favor for the support of herself and children, until the twenty-ninth of November, 1788, according to an act of Assembly dated the twentieth of March, 1780, payable out of the militia fines of the county of Northumberland; but that fund not being productive, the said warrant is now delivered up to be cancelled.

In favor of said Mary Neese, for the sum of fifteen pounds, being the amount of pension due to her from the twenty-ninth of November, 1788, until the twenty-ninth of July, 1790, according to a decree of the Orphans' Court of the county of Northumberland, dated the twenty-eighth of May last.

Upon the petition of Rebecca Brock, who is now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia; it was

Resolved, To remit the fine of five pounds which was imposed upon her by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the county of Philadelphia, for an assault and battery.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 17th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Benjamin Elliott,
Christopher Kucher, William Wilson,
Abraham Smith, Amos Gregg,
James Martin, Nathaniel Breading, and } Esquires.
Frederick Watts, Richard Willing,
William Findley,

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of William Gray, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-three pounds three shillings, for surveying ten tracts of land for the use of the German Reformed congregation in the city of Philadelphia, according to an Act of the General Assembly, passed the

An order was also drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Charles Biddle, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds, for which sum he is to be accountable.

Mr. Wilson laid before Council a discription of the four persons, who lately murdered two friendly Indians on the waters of Pine Creek; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the President be requested to write a letter in answer to the letter received yestered from Justice Freeman, of Portland, in the State of Massachusets, informing Council that four strangers had made their appearance in his neighbourhood, and that it is supposed they are the persons who murdered the said Indians, and that the said descriptions be inclosed in the President's letter, with a few copies of the Proclamation issued by Council on the 9th of July last, for apprehending the said murderers.

Albret Gallatin, Esquire, of the county of Fayette, laid before Council a certificate from Ephraim Douglass, agent for the sale of forfeited estates in the said county, that a certain James M'Donald hath purchased at public sale a tract of two hundred and ninety-five acres, & a half of an acre of land situate in the said county, on the waters of Dunlap's creek, which was forfeited to this Commonwealth by Anthony Yeldall's, attainder of high treason, that he hath paid the purchase money therefore, and requesting that a patent may issue to the said James McDonald, for the said land; whereupon,

Resolved, That a patent issue to the said James McDonald, for the said tract of land in the usual form.

On motion of Mr. Breading, it was agreed to cancel the order which was granted on the twelfth instant, to Ephraim Douglass, Esquire, for seven hundred and sixty-three pounds, for surveying

the third district of depreciation lands, and in lieu thereof to issue three orders amounting to the same sum, vizt: one for one hundred pounds, one other for two hundred and forty pounds, and a third for the sum of four hundred and twenty-three pounds, all payable in the manner expressed in the minute of Council of that day.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 18th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	William Findley,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Samuel Miles,	William Wilson,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Zebulun Potts,	Amos Gregg, and	
James Martin,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watt,		

A letter from General Richard Butler, Lieutenant of the county of Allegany, inclosing a letter from General St. Clair, Governor of the Western Territory, containing a requisition for five hundred men agreeably to Act of Congress of the twenty-ninth of September, 1789, for troops from this State to act in concert with the troops of the United States against the Indians, was received and read; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the Vice President, Mr. Miles, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Smith and Mr. Findley, be a Committee to confer with Governor St. Clair, (who is now in the city,) on the subject of the said requisition.

A letter from the Honorable Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, Esquire, of the ninth instant, inclosing two copies of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States, dated the eighteenth of May last, respecting the time of the holding of the seats of the President, Vice President, Senators and members of the House of Representatives of the United States, was received and read, and a letter was written by the President to Mr. Muhlenberg, acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and inclosures.

Abraham Stewart was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace, and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Fayette, upon a return made according to law from the district of German township in the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 19th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher,	William Findley,	Esquire.
Samuel Miles,	Benjamin Elliott,	
James Read,	William Wilson,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Zebulun Potts,	Richard Willing, and	
James Martin,	Amos Gregg,	
Frederick Watts,		

An account of Captain David Crosby, for the pay of his company of Chester county militia, for militia services in October, 1781, as settled by the Register General and Comptroller General, and which was read and approved in Council on the first of June, 1790, was this day laid before the Board, and an order directed to issue on the Treasurer in favor of the said David Crosby, for the sum of seventy pounds five shillings, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said county, being the amount of the said account.

A letter from the Comptroller General relative to the account of this State with the United States, was received and read, and referred to the committee on the message.

The committee to whom was referred the letter which was received yesterday from General Richard Butler, Lieutenant of the county of Allegany, made a report, which was read and adopted, vizt:—The committee appointed to confer with Governor St. Clair on the letter from the Lieutenant of the county of Allegany, together with the Attorney General, whose advice was taken on the subject, met the Honorable Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, Governor of the Western Territory, in conferrence on his letter to the Lieutenant above mentioned, demanding five hundred men of the militia of this State. The Attorney General produced a law of the United States, entituled An Act for regulating the military establishment of the United States, passed the thirtieth of April, 1790, by which it appears that the President of the United States is authorized to call into service, from time to time, the militia of the States, respectively, &ca. As the constitution and laws of the United States vest this power with the President of the United States, your committee conceive that it will be proper for the Executive of this State to interfere farther than to see that the militia of this State are regularly and compleatly organized agreeably to the laws of the State. Your committee therefore humbly submit this report to the Supreme Executive Council.

Upon the petition of John Bridges, of the county of Westmoreland, and a recommendation from four of the Justices of the Peace of the said county in his behalf, for remission of the fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon the petitioner by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county for keeping a tipling house, contrary to law, it was resolved to remit the said fine.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Lieutenant of the county of Washington be directed to transmit to Council, as soon as may be, a return of the officers of the militia of the said county, in order that commissions may issue to them, and that the Secretary write to the said Lieutenant and inclose him a copy of this resolution.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 20th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Benjamin Elliott,	Esquires.
James Read,	William Wilson,	
Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watts,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing, and	
William Findley,	Amos Gregg,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher for the sum of twenty-seven pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the sixteenth of July until the twentyeth of August, 1790, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 21st, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watts,	
Richard Willing,	James Martin,	
Amos Gregg,	Benjamin Elliott,	
William Findley,	Nathaniel Breading, and	
Christopher Kucher.	Henry Taylor,	

A petition from Jacob Winnamore, praying that Council would be pleased to remit that part of the forfeiture of one hogshead of

rum, which was lately seized by the Collector of Excise of the county of Philadelphia, as not being entered according to law, was read the second time, together with a recommendation in his behalf and a deposition of James McCalpine, a porter, by which it appears that he was directed to enter the said rum but neglected to do it, and that there was no intention of fraud in the petitioner; whereupon, it was resolved to remit the State's share of the said forfeiture.

Upon the second reading of the petition from Jacob Haga and Jacob Gorgas and Peter Martin, of the county of Lancaster, also praying Council to remit the State's share of a quantity of spirituous liquors, lately seized from them by the Collector of Excise of the said county, accompanying a respectable recommendation and a certificate from the said Collector, stating that they were inadvertently lead into the error, without design to defraud the State, and recommending the petitioners to Council as proper objects for a remission of their forfeitures, it was

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Register and Comptroller General be directed to examine and report on the account and application of Colonel John Gibson, for a new order of Council on the Treasurer to pay him a ballance due upon an order of Council dated the second of October, 1789, which ballance cannot now be paid upon the said last mentioned order.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 23rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
William Wilson,	Abraham Smith,	
William Findley,	Nathaniel Breading,	
James Martin,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Benjamin Elliott,	Henry Taylor,	

The Register and Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of General John Gibson, for the ballance of an order of Council dated the second day of October, 1789, which is yet due to him, amounting to the sum of two hundred and seven pounds eleven shillings and seven pence, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of General John Gibson, payable out of the general funds of the State, and to be charged to the account of taxes of the county of Westmoreland.

Of John Laird, for thirteen days' forage for four horses in September and October, 1788, while employed in the public service in Bedford county, amounting to nineteen pounds ten shillings.

Of do., for sixty-eight days service of a waggon, four horses and a driver, for the use of Colonel Albright's battalion of York county militia, in October, 1778, by which a balance of seven pounds eighteen shillings appears to be due to the said John Laird.

Of the estate of Hugh Wilson, for the hire of a waggon and four horses from the twenty-first of August to the nineteenth of October, 1777, for the use of Captain Dodd's company of York county militia, by which a ballance of six pounds six shillings and eight pence appears to be due to the said estate.

Of Mart Wirt, for two months' pension due to her on the first instant, according to a decree of the Orphans' Court of the county of Philadelphia, dated the fourteenth of June last, amounting to ten pounds, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 24th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	Abraham Smith,	
William Wilson,	Nathaniel Breading,	
William Findley,	Henry Taylor,	
James Martin,	Richard Willing, and	
Benjamin Elliott,	Lord Butler,	

The petition of Esther Eastburn, of the city of Philadelphia, stating that she became security for the appearance of her son Jonathan Eastburne, at the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the county of Chester, to answer to an indictment in the said Court —that her son not appearing, her recognizance became forfeited— and praying that Council would be pleased to grant her remission of the same, was read, with a recommendation in her behalf;— whereupon it was resolved to grant the prayer of the said petition.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Conrad Minich, for three hundred and nineteen pounds of beef, supplied the militia of Berks county, in October, 1780, amounting in specie to four pounds eighteen shillings and three pence.

Of Richard Stephens, for sundry provisions supplied to the said militia, at the same time, amounting in specie to the sum of twenty-one pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence.

Of Ludwig Hanings, for twenty bushels of rye, delivered to Colonel Michael Lindemuth, for the use of the said militia, amounting to the sum of five pounds in specie.

James Mitchell, John Cannon, and Henry Grayham, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Washington, upon returns made to Council of elections held according to law in the following districts, vizt: James Mitchell, elected in the district of Peters township; John Cannon, in the district of Chartiers; and Henry Graham in the district of Crosscreek.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Kinsler, who committed larceny, under the wheelbarrow law, and was tried and convicted of the said offence since the said law was repealed, it was

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 25th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Benjamin Elliott,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Taylor,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	
William Wilson,	Frederick Watts, and	
William Findley,	Lord Butler,	
James Martin,		

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of State, of the eighteenth instant, inclosing the following resolutions and acts of Congress, vizt:

A resolution making allowance for the service of the clerks employed in the office of the Commissioners of Army Accounts.

A resolution to defray the expences of procuring seals for the Supreme, Circuit, and District Courts of the United States.

An Act making provision for the debt of the United States.

An Act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandizes imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels.

An Act to continue in force for a limitted time an act entituled "An Act for the temporary establishment of the Post Office."

An Act for the relief of John Stewart and John Davidson; and

An Act to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States, was received and read, and a letter was written by the President to Mr. Jefferson, acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and inclosures.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Timothy Matlack, Esquire, for the sum of ten pounds, payable out of the six hundred pounds which was appropriated by a resolution of the General Assembly passed the thirty-first of March, 1790, for exploring the head waters of the Susquehanna, Delaware, Lehigh, and Schuylkill, and the western waters within this State, and to be charged to the fund provided by an act of the General Assembly passed the twenty-eighth day of September, 1789, for claims and improvements, the said sum being advanced to the said Timothy Matlack, in part of his pay as one of the Commissioners for exploring the said western waters, for which he is to be accountable.

In favor of John Lawrence, for the sum of thirty-five pounds fourteen shillings and three pence, being the amount of his account for his salary as clerk in the office of the Register General of the accounts of this State, from the twenty-fourth of May until the twenty-fourth of August, 1790, according to the Register and Comptroller General's reports. .

Mr. Wynkoop, Mr. Rhea, and Mr. Ryerson, a committee from the General Assembly, attending, were introduced, and informed Council that the House was now met, and ready to receive any business which Council might have to lay before them.

The committee were informed that a message was preparing, and would be transmitted to the House in the morning.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 26th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Abraham Smith,	James Martin,	
Zebulun Potts,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Frederick Watts,	Henry Taylor,	
William Findley,	Samuel Miles, and	
Amos Gregg,	Lord Butler,	

A draft of a message from Council to the General Assembly being laid before the Board and read, was agreed to as follows, vizt:

A Message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly:

GENTLEMEN:—We send herewith the following acts and resolutions of the Congress of the United States, which we have received since your adjournment in September last:

An Act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes.

An Act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States.

An Act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

An Act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization.

An Act to prevent the exportation of goods not duly inspected according to the laws of the several States.

An Act to except a session of the claims of North Carolina to a certain district of western territory.

An Act to promote the progress of useful arts.

An Act further to suspend part of an act, entituled An Act to regulate the collection of the duties imposed by law on the tonnage of ships or vessels, and on goods, wares and merchandizes imported into the United States, and to amend the said act.

An Act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States.

An Act for regulating the military establishment of the United States.

An Act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeiture and penalties accruing under the revenue laws in certain cases therein mentioned.

An Act to continue in force an act passed at the last session of Congress, entituled An Act to regulate processes in the Courts of the United States.

An Act to prescribe the mode in which the public records and act and judicial proceedings in each State, shall be authenticated so as to take effect in every other State.

An Act for the government of the territory of the United States south of the river Ohio.

An Act for the encouragement of learning by securing the copies of maps, charts and books. to the authors and proprietors of such copies during the times therein mentioned.

An Act for finally adjusting and satisfying the claims of Frederick William De Steuben.

An Act for giving effect to an act, intituled An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States within the State of North Carolina.

An Act supplemental to the act for establishing the salaries of the Executive officers of government with their assistants and clerks.

An Act for giving effect to the several acts therein mentioned in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

An Act for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and company.

An Act for giving effect to an act, intituled An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

An Act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and Foreign nations.

An Act to satisfy the claims of John McCord against the United States.

An Act for the relief of Nathaniel Twining.

An Act for giving effect to an act, intituled An Act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

An Act to authorize the purchase of a tract of land for the use of the United States.

An Act to establish the temporary and permanent seat of government of the United States.

An Act further to provide for the payment of the invalid pensioners of the United States.

An Act for the government and regulation of seamen in the merchants' service.

An Act imposing duties on the tonnage of ships or vessels.

An Act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes.

An Act providing for holding a treaty or treaties to establish peace with certain Indian tribes

An Act to amend the act for the establishment and support of light houses, beacons, buoys and public piers.

An Act to continue in force for a limited time, an act intituled An Act for the temporary establishment of the post office.

An Act for the relief of John Stewart and John Davidson.

An Act making provision for the debt of the United States.

An Act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares and merchandizes imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels.

An Act to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and individual States

A resolution respecting the arrears of pay due to the troops of the lines of the States of Virginia and North Carolina.

A resolution for the publication of treaties made, or which shall be made under the authority of the United States.

A resolution making allowance for the service of the clerks employed in the office of the Commissioners of army accounts; and

A resolution to defray the expence of procuring seals for the Supreme, Circuit and District Courts of the United States.

We transmit a letter from the Delegates of this State in Congress of the United States, on the subject of the temporary and permanent seat of the general government.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Philadelphia,
August the twenty-sixth, 1790.

The Comptroller General and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Mary Harrison, for two hundred and fifty-five lb. of leaden spout taken down from her house by Messieurs Worrall, Allison, and Evans, for public use, agreeably to an order of Council of the first of September, 1777, amounting to ten pounds nine shillings and four pence halfpenny.

Of Mordicai Morgan, for militia services as Captain in the militia of the county of Chester from the year 1781 to the year 1789, amounting to fourteen pound six shillings and three pence, for which an order was drawn on the Treasury, payable out of the militia fines of the county of Chester.

Upon the petition of James Berry, who was convicted in March last of a burglary, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held in the county of Philadelphia, and is now confined in the jail of this city at hard labour, and a certificate from the Jailor that the petitioner is not able to work, by reason of lameness, and that he has behaved peaceably during his confinement, it was

Resolved, That the said James Berry be and he is hereby pardoned.

A petition from John Ubell, who was convicted at the last Mayor's Court of receiving money which had been stolen from Colonel Lewis Farmer by a certain Frederick Croner, knowing it to have been stolen, praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon, being read the second time, with a recommendation in his behalf, it was, thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 27th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	
Abraham Smith,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Taylor,	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts, and	
William Findley,	Lord Butler,	
William Wilson,		

A letter from the Attorney General on the subject of a certificate which was some time ago offered to Council for authentication, was read and referred to the Committee on the Message.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 28th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Zebulun Potts,	William Findley,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	William Wilson,	
Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	
Abraham Smith,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Henry Taylor, and	
James Read,	Lord Butler,	
Frederick Watts,		

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of State, of the twenty-third of August, 1790, inclosing the following acts of Congress, vizt:

An Act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States.

An Act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on Continental establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying north-west of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Scioto.

An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to finish the light house on Portland Head, in the district of Maine.

An Act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island, and Providence Plantations.

An Act for the relief of the persons therein mentioned or described.

An Act for the relief of disabled seamen and soldiers lately in the service of the United States, and of certain other persons.

An Act to alter the times for holding the Circuit Courts of the United States in the district of South Carolina and Georgia, and providing that the district Court of Pennsylvania shall in future be held at the city of Philadelphia only.

An Act making certain appropriations therein mentioned.

An Act making provisions for the reduction of the public debt.

And a resolution directing that a return of certain surveys of lands in the western territory be made to and perfected by the Secretary of the Treasury, was received and read, and a letter was written by the President to Mr. Jefferson, acknowledging the receipt of the said letter and inclosures.

John Bartholomew, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Chester, upon a return made according to law, from the district of the townships of Charles Town, Tredifirin, East and West Whiteland, in the said county.

The reports of the Comptroller and Register Generals upon the following accounts, were read and approved:

Of Moses Cook, for a horse which was lost on the Sandusky expedition against the Indians, in the year 1782, amounting to fifteen pounds.

Of James Brownlee, for flour furnished to the Militia of Washington county, in the months of May, June and July, 1787, under the command of Colonel Marshall, amounting to nine pounds three shillings and three pence.

A letter from Mr. Findley, member of this Board, respecting the road from Frankstown to Conemaugh, which he was requested to view, was read, and it was agreed to transmit the same to the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 30th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Henry Taylor,	
Frederick Watt,	Nathaniel Breading,	
William Wilson,	Lord Butler, and	
James Martin,	Frederick Watts,	
Benjamin Elliott,		

The Comptroller General and Register General's report of the twenty seventh instant, upon the account of Jacob Schreiber, for taking care of the Barracks, public Store, and Powder Magazine in the borough of Lancaster, from the twenty-third of April, 1784, to the first day of June, 1788, being four years and one month, according to resolution of Assembly dated April first, 1784, amounting to twenty four pounds ten shillings, was read and approved, and an order was drawn upon the Treasurer for the said sum.

The Treasurer and Register General's reports of the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth instant, upon the account of Andrew Henderson, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Huntingdon, for fees received for tavern licences, amounting to twenty-six pounds eight shillings, was also read and approved.

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Mary Blair, guardian of the children of John Smith, deceased, late of the Militia of Cumberland county, for the sum of sixty-nine pounds five shillings, according to an act of General As-

sembly passed the twenty-seventh of March last, being the amount of a warrant of Council dated the twenty-ninth of May, 1788, which was drawn in her favor for the support of the said children, until the twenty-third of April, 1788, according to an order of Orphans' Court of Cumberland county, in pursuance of an act of Assembly passed March the twentieth, 1780, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said county, but that fund not being productive, the said warrant is now delivered up, to be cancelled.

In favor of the said Mary Blair, for the sum of fifteen pounds fifteen shillings, and according to the said act of Assembly, being the amount of a warrant of Council dated the twenty-ninth of May, 1788, which was drawn in her favor for her support during the time she remained the widow of the said John Smith, according to a decree of the Orphans' Court of Cumberland county, in pursuance of an act of Assembly passed the twentieth of March, 1780, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in said county, but that fund not being productive, the said warrant is now delivered up, to be cancelled.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 31st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Benjamin Elliott,	Esq'rs.
Christopher Kucher,	William Findley,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watts,	
Zebulun Potts,	William Wilson,	
Nathaniel Breading,	James Martin,	
Henry Taylor,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Amos Gregg,	Lord Butler,	

General Watts was appointed a member of the Board of Property, for the month of September.

The report of the Committee to whom was referred the bill of costs on the enquiry into a contested election of Justices of the Peace held April the fourteenth, 1788, in the district of Oley and Colebrookdale townships, in the county of Berks, being read the second time, was adopted, as follows, vizt:—That they have carefully examined the said bill of costs on the enquiry into a contested election, amounting to nine pounds five shillings and four pence, and find the same to be just; and thereupon, they offer the following resolution, vizt:

Resolved, That Council approve of the said bill of costs taxed at nine pounds five shillings and four pence, and that six pounds one shilling and eight pence one farthing thereof, be paid by the Overseer of the Poor of Oley township, twenty shillings and one farthing thereof, by the Overseer of the Poor of Earl township, and two pounds three and seven pence one farthing thereof, by the Overseer of the Poor of Colebrookdale township, to John Otto, Jacob Weaver and Paul Groscup, Esquires, or any of them, to be distributed to and among the persons in the said bill named, to whom the same is due, agreeably to an Act of Assembly passed the fourth day of March, 1786.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to lay out fourteen pounds in the purchase of gunpowder for the regiment of Artillery, to be used on the arrival of His Excellency General Washington in this city.

Colonel Miles informed Council that a Committee of the House of Assembly was appointed to confer with Council on that part of the message which relates to the Powder Magazine; whereupon, Mr. Findley, Mr. Gregg and Mr. Wilson, were appointed a Committee to confer with the said Committee of Assembly, respecting the said Magazine.

A draft of a Message to the General Assembly was laid before Council, and being read, was adopted, as follows, vizt:

A message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

Gentlemen:—Under the authority of a resolution of Assembly of the thirty-first of March last, we appointed Timothy Matlack, John Adlum and Samuel McClay, to examine and survey the Quittapahilla, the Swatara and parts of the Susquehanna and Juniata rivers, and assigned Frederick Antis, Reading Howell and William Dean, the business of exploring the country near the head waters of Delaware, of the East Branch of Susquehanna, and of the rivers Lehigh and Schuylkill. The commissioners set out on the duties of their respective departments in May; but we have not received any communications from them.

In compliance with the resolution of your Honorable House of of the sixth of April, we have purchased a convenient lot of ground for five hundred and sixty-five pounds specie, and considerable progress is made in erecting upon it a magazine for gunpowder.

It will be necessary to provide by law for payment, the price of the lot and the expence of the building, which as nearly as we can at present ascertain, will be one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five pounds, and we are of opinion that it will likewise be proper to give a legislative sanction to the storage of powder belonging to private citizens, as soon as that magazine will be ready to recieve it.

We have not been able to carry into effect the intention of the Legislature expressed by the act of the sixth of April, as no one has been willing to undertake to put the banks of Mud Island into good repair, for the sum appropriated by the law: We conceive that twelve hundred pound will be requisite for that purpose.

The adjustment of the claims of individuals States against the United States, being an object of considerable moment, several States had appointed agents to attend to the settlement of their respective accounts before the commissioners appointed by Congress, and therefore, in conformity to the sentiments of our delegates, as well as the obvious utility of the measure, we have during your recess, employed Charles Pettit, Esquire, for that purpose, as an agent on behalf of the State of Pennsylvania. The letter from our Delegates and a letter from Mr. Pettit, respecting the business of his agency, we inclose, together with a letter from the Comptroller General upon the State of the public accounts.

Council being called upon to discharge the ballance due to Robert Galbraith, Esquire, on his contract for opening the road from Frankstown Branch to Connemough, we lay before your Honorable House the information we have with respect to the execution of that contract from William Findley, Esquire, member of Council, who at our request has examined the said Board, and thinks it has been laid out conformably to Mr. Galbraith's undertaking

We transmit a letter from the Attorney General, on account of the opinion therein expressed, "that it would be sound policy to establish a rule of reciprocity with the nations of Europe, by an act of the Legislature, declaring the subjects of those States, in which our citizens are permitted to enjoy real property, devised or descending to them capable of a similar privilege in Pennsylvania.

The act of the eleventh of February, 1789, which enables alains to purchase and hold lands in this Commonwealth, will soon expire by its own limitation, and we conceive that a general and permanent rule on this important subject, ought not to be adopted. How far that which is suggested by the Attorney General, may be proper, we submit to the widom of the Legislature.

The Trustees of the Hospital on State Island having represented to us that the wharf on the Delaware, for the landing of sick passengers, who may be sent to the hospital, is in so ruinous a condition, that unless speedily repaired it must be entirely destroyed. We enclose their memorial and recommend it to the attention of the Legislature.

We sincerely lament the occasion of laying before you the depositions of several persons, from which it appears that in June last, two friendly Indians were barbarously murdered on Pine creek, Northumberland county. In order to manifest our abhorrence of the crime, and to obtain, if possible, the persons of the offenders, a

proclamation was issued by Council, offering a reward of eight hundred dollars for apprehending them, and such other steps have taken upon this occasion as will, we hope, effectually appease the resentment of the Indians, and prevent any danger of retaliation.

A desire to promote a good understanding with the Indians who reside within the limits of this State, has likewise induced us to acquiesce in the wish which Cornplanter and other chiefs of the Six Nations have expressed to visit Philadelphia; three of whom we have accordingly invited, and they will probably arrive in the course of a few days.

The following acts and resolutions of Congress which were received on Saturday, we transmit for your information:

An Act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States.

An Act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment to obtain titles to certain lands lying northwest of the river Ohio, between the little Miami and Sciota.

An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to finish the light house on Portland head, in the district of Maine.

An Act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia and Rhode Island, and Providence Plantations.

An Act for the relief of the persons therein mentioned and described.

An Act for the relief of disabled soldiers and seamen lately in the service of the United States, and for other purposes.

An Act for altering the times for holding the Circuit Courts of the United States, in the districts of South Carolina and Georgia, and providing that the District Court of Pennsylvania shall in future be held at the city of Philadelphia only.

An Act making certain appropriations therein mentioned.

An Act making provision for the reduction of the public debt; and

A resolution directing that a return of certain surveys of lands in the western territory be made to and perfected by the Secretary of the Treasury.

A letter from the Honorable Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, Esquire, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, inclosing a resolution of the House of Representatives dated the eighteenth day of May last, respecting the terms for which the members of the present Congress were chosen, is also sent herewith.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, August 31st, 1790.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 1st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Jonas Hartzell,
James Read,	James Martin,
Amos Gregg,	Henry Taylor,
Abraham Smith,	Benjamin Elliott,
William Findley,	Nathaniel Breading,
Wilson,	Lord Butler, &
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for the sum of sixty-six, being the amount of his account for attendance as Councillor from the fifth of June to the thirty-first of August, 1790, inclusively.

An order was also drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider for the sum of fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for his wages as Door-keeper for the month of August, 1790.

A letter from Oliver Phelps, Esquire, with an address and a string of Wampum from the Chief Councellors and warriors of the Seneca nations of Indians, respecting the two freindly Indians who were lately murdered on the waters of Pine creek, were received and read, and an order taken that the same be transmitted to the General Assembly with a message of Council.

A letter from John Beckley, Esquire, inclosing three copies of the journals of the proceedings of the House of Representatives of the United, was also received and read; and it was

Ordered, That the said letter and one copy of the said journal be transmitted with the said message to the House.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Leet, Deputy Surveyor of depreciation lands, delivered in a report, which was read and adopted as follows:

That at the public sale of the depreciation lands, seven lots were struck off to Jacob Bury of the district surveyed by the said Daniel Leet, for which he has never paid, either paid the purchase money, office or Surveyor's fees. They, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the seven lots above mentioned be considered as reverting to the State, and that the Deputy Surveyor be entitled to have an order for his surveying fees on the settlement of his accounts.

A draft of a message to the General Assembly was laid before Council; and being read, was adopted as follows, vizt:

A Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly:

Gentlemen:—In our message of the thirty-first of August, we informed your Honorable House that two friendly Indians had been barbarously murdered in June last by citizens of this State, on Pine creek, and that we had taken measures for apprehending the murderers, and for preventing retaliation.

Mr. King, who was by order of Council dispatched to the Indian country with a speech, and with copies of a proclamation issued by Council for apprehending the murderers, returned last evening. He has brought a letter from Robert Phelps, dated Canandargua, August 14th, 1790, and a speech from several Chiefs of the Seneca nation, to which the two Indians who were murdered on Pine creek belonged, which letter and speech we inclose.

We conceive it to be of great importance to the welfare of the good people of this State, that measures should be immediately taken for quieting the minds of the Indians. We, therefore, request a conferrence with a committee of the General Assembly this morning on the subject.

We transmit a letter from the State Treasurer relative to the Loan Office, with an account of monies due to the Commonwealth on mortgages prior to the Revolution, which we recommend to the attention of your honorable House.

A letter from John Beckley, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, and a copy of the journals of the proceedings of that House accompanying this message.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, September 1st, 1790.

A committee of the honorable House of Assembly, consisting of Messieurs Rawle, Neville, Hoge, Marshall and Wynkoop, met Council in conferrence on the subject of the murder of the two freindly Indians on the waters of Pine creek, in Northumberland county. Mr. King also attended to give information.

It was unanimously agreed in Conferrence, that the sum of one hundred pounds shall be given to the families of the deceased Indians as presents, and that the sum of fifty pounds in addition to the reward offered by proclamation for apprehending the murderers, should be paid to any person who shall apprehend and secure them in Lancaster jail; that the Pre. of this State be instructed to take such steps as he shall think proper for carrying the intentions of Council into execution; and that Colonel Wilson, member of Council, and Mr. Spalding, of Luzerne county, be requested to carry the presents to the Indians.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 2nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts,	
Abraham Smith,	William Wilson,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Samuel Edie, (now returned)	
Zebulun Potts,		
William Findley,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Amos Gregg, and	
James Martin,	Lord Butler,	

A letter from the chairman of the committee of arrangement of the convention requesting Council will attend the procession at the proclamation of the constitution this day at noon, and inclosed a copy of the order of procession, be read, it was agreed to attend the said procession.

Upon the second reading of a petition from Sarah Roney of the county of Washington, praying remission of a fine of ten pounds to which she was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, for fornication, it was

Resolved, To grant the prayer of the petitioner.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 3rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	Esq'rs.
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts,	
Abraham Smith,	William Wilson,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Samuel Edie,	
Zebulun Potts,	Benjamin Elliott,	
William Findley,	Amos Gregg,	
Jonas Hartzell,	John Wilkins, and	
James Martin,	Lord Butler,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Nathaniel Breading, Esquire, for fifty-three pounds two shillings, in full, for his attendance in Council from the sixteenth until the twenty-second of March, and from the twenty-second of July

until the third of September, 1790, including his mileage for coming to Philadelphia and going home.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the application of Robert Galbraith, Esquire, for payment of the ballance due to him for opening a road from Frankstown to Conemaugh, being read the second time, was adopted as follows, vizt:

The committee to whom was referred the letter from Robert Galbraith, requesting Council for his pay for opening the road from Frankstown to Conemaugh, report:

That they have examined the contract entered into by the Executive Council with Robert Galbraith, and are of opinion that he should be directed to compleat the opening the said road from Conemaugh to Loyal hanning, and such part of the said road as is already opened to be compleated for the easy passing of carriages, and that an order be drawn in favor of Robert Galbraith, for one hundred pounds, he to account for the same.

A resolution of the House of Assembly on the subject of the murder of the Indians on Pine creek, authorizing Council to draw for one hundred pounds and contingent expences, &ca., was received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 4th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice Presient.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	William Wilson,	
James Read,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Abraham Smith,	William Findley,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Richard Willing,	
James Martin,	John Wilkins, and	
Henry Taylor,	Lord Butler,	
Frederick Watts,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Charles Biddle, Esquire, for the sum of seventy-five, for the purpose of paying the expences of Robert King, who was imployed to carry a message to the Senaca Nation of Indians, and to bring an answer to Council respecting the murder of two friendly Indians on Pine Creek, in Northumberland county, and for his services in the said business, for which sum the said Charles Biddle is to account.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of John Henry, for his services as Quarter Master of the militia of Bedford county, was read and approved.

It having been determined at a Conferrence of members of the General Assembly, the members of the Supreme Executive Council, the Judges of the Supreme Court, Judges Shippen and Wilson, the Attorney General of the State, and Alexander Wilcocks and Jered Ingersoll, Esquires, Attorneys at Law, that the powers of the Legislature of the present year expired on Thursday the second instant, and that the office of State Treasurer and Register General of the accounts of this Commonwealth, and of Regist r of Wills, and a Recorder of Deeds in each county of this State, in like manner expired on the said day; therefore,

Resolved, That by virtue of the powers vested in this Board by the Constitution of this State,

Christian Febiger, Esquire, be and hereby re-appointed Treasurer of the State.

John Donaldson, Esquire, Register General of the accounts of this Commonwealth.

George Campbell, Esquire, Register for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration in and for the city and county of Philadelphia.

Matthew Irwin, Esquire, Recorder of Deeds in and for the city and county of Philadelphia.

James Hanna, Esquire, Register of the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the county of Bucks.

Percifer Frazier, Esquire, Recorder of Deeds and Register of the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration in and for the county of Chester.

James Jacks, Esquire, Register of the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration, and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Lancaster.

John Christ, Esquire, Register of the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration, and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Berks.

John Arndt, Esquire, Register of the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Northampton.

John Simpson, Esquire, Register of the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration, and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Northumberland.

Jacob Barnitz, Esquire, Register of the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration, and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of York.

William Lyon, Esquire, Register of the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administrators, and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Cumberland.

David Espy, Esquire, Register for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administrators and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Bedford.

James Hamilton, Esquire, Register for the Probate of Wills, and regising Letters of Administration and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Westmoreland.

Thomas Stockley, Esquire, Register for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Washington.

Alexander McLene, Esquire, Register of the Probate of Wills, and grantiug Letters of Administration, and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Fayette.

Robert Lollar, Esquire, Register for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration, and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Montgomery.

Edward Crawford, junior, Esquire, Register for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the county of Franklin.

Joseph Montgomery, Esquire, Register for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administrators and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the county of Dauphine.

Andrew Henderson, Esquire, Register of the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the county of Huntingdon.

Timothy Pickering, Esquire, Register of the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the county of Luzerne.

Samuel Jones, Esquire, Register for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the county of Allegany.

Samuel Edmiston, Esquire, Register of the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the county of Mifflin.

William Richardson Atlee, Esquire, Register for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the county of Delaware.

And that the said gentlemen be commissionated accordingly.

The following named gentlemen were offered and accepted as sureties, vizt:

James McWright and John Carson for Joseph Montgomery, Esquire, Register and Recorder of the county of Dauphine.

Thomas Lilly and Jacob Smyser for Jacob Barnitz, Esquire, Register and Recorder of the county of York.

Daniel Leimback and Nicholas Lutz for John Christ, Esquire, Register and Recorder of the county of Berks.

Peter Ealer and Stephen Balliett for John Arndt, Esquire, Register and Recorder of the county of Northampton; and

James Marshall and David Stewart for Andrew Henderson, Esquire, Register and Recorder of the county of Huntingdon.

Two accounts, certified by Richard Peters, Esquire, late Speaker of the late House of Assembly, the first for the pay of the Members of Assembly during their last sitting, amounting to seven hundred and seventy-three pounds thirteen shillings, and the second for the pay of Peter Zachary Loyd and Jacob Shallus as Clerks, and James Martin Sergeant at Arms, and Joseph Fry Doorkeeper, for their services during the said sitting, amounting to thirty pounds, were laid before Council, and read; whereupon orders for the said sums were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Peter Zachary Loyd, Esquire, for which he is to be accountable.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 6th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Benjamin Elliott,	Esquires,
Richard Willing,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Findley,	
James Martin,	Abraham Smith,	
Henry Taylor,	Samuel Miles,	
Frederick Watts,	John Wilkins, and	
Samuel Edie,	Lord Butler, and	
William Wilson,	Zebulun Potts,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Smilie, Esquire, for the sum of fifteen pounds, in full of his account for twenty days' attendance in Council, between the twentieth day of November and the fifteenth day of September, 1787.

In favor of the Honorable John Baird, Esquire, for the sum of twelve pounds, in full of his accounts for sixteen days' attendance in Council, between the twentieth of November and the fifteenth of December, 1787.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of the estate of James Guffee, for a horse which was lost on the Sandusky expedition against the Indians in 1782, amounting to fourteen pounds.

Of Captain Gilbert McCoy, for the pay of his company of Cumberland county militia, for militia services in the year 1779, amounting to twenty-two pounds and nine pence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 7th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watts,	
Amos Gregg,	William Findley,	
Abraham Smith,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Zebulun Potts,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Christopher Kucher,	Lord Butler, and	
James Martin,	Richard Willing,	
Henry Taylor,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's report, an order were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Chevalier, for the sum of thirty-five pounds fourteen shillings and three pence, being one quarter's salary due to him as Clerk in the Register General's office from the seventh of June until the sixth of September, 1790.

Upon the second reading of a letter from William Henry, Esquire, requesting Council to accept his resignation of the office of Lieutenant of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, it was

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

Edward Bartholomew and Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esquires, were offered and accepted as sureties for Robert Lollar, Esquire, Register and Recorder of Deeds of the county of Montgomery.

Samuel Hodgdon and Nathaniel Falconer, Esquires, for Timothy Pickering, Esquire, Register and Recorder of the county of Luzerne; and Benjamin Elliott and James Martin, Esquires, for David Espy, Regis. and Recorder of the county of Bedford.

Mr. Peters, Speaker of the late House of Assemby, having informed Council that he in some degree considers himself responsible for the books and papers belonging to the House of Assembly, and requested the Board to take into consideration the propriety of appointing a person to take charge of the papers, &c., in order that access may be had to them whenever Council or any other body or persons may legally apply; whereupon, it was agreed that Peter Zachary Lloyd, Esquire, be considered as the person in whose charge and care the papers and books belonging to the late House of Assembly are until the meeting of the next Legislature.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Wilkins be added to the committee appointed on the thirtieth ult. to assist the Comptroller and Register General in the examination of certificates, according to an act of Assembly of the first of April last.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 8th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Taylor,	
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie,	
William Findley,	James Martin,	
Benjamin Elliott,	Lord Butler, and	
John Wilkins,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watts,		

John Dentzell, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Dauphine, upon a return made according to law from the town of Harrisburgh, in the said county.

On motion,

Resolved, That Friday next be assigned for going into the appointed of a Lieutenant of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, in the room of William Henry, Esquire, resigned.

The report of the Comptroller and Register General upon the account of Ephraim Duglass, Esquire, for monies belonging to the Commonwealth received by him as Agent for the sale of Confiscated Estates in the county of Fayette, amounting to one hundred and twelve pounds, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 9th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	
Abraham Smith,	William Findley,	
Zebulun Potts,	John Wilkins,	
Amos Gregg,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Frederick Watts,	Lord Butler,	
Henry Taylor,		

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the account of Nicholas Miller for buileting soldiers in the year 1778, 1780 and 1781, and for supplies of wood, &ca., for them at the same

time, amounting to sixteen pounds eleven shillings and six pence, was read, and the same was disapproved unanimously.

Upon the report of the committee to whom it was referred to enquire and to report to Council what offices are vacant which were lately in the appointment of the General Assembly, it was

Resolved, That Christian Febiger, Esquire, be re-appointed Trustee of the General Loan Office of this State; and that George Bryan, Esquire, and Samuel Miles, Esquire, and Mr. Peter Dehaven, be re appointed Trusties of that part of Province Island which belongs to the State, and of the Hospitals thereon.

A report from David Espy, Jacob Wink and William Patterson, Esquires, three Justices of the Peace of Bedford county, who were on the twenty-second of July last appointed by Council to investigate the several complaints against the election of Justices of the Peace in Bedford and Colerain townships, in the said county, according to act of Assembly passed the thirty-first of March, 1784, was received and read; and the said report, with the returns of the said elections, being considered, there appeared to Council no sufficient reason for setting the said election aside; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the said complaints be dismissed, and that William Proctor and John Cessna, Esquires, be appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Bedford, they being the highest in votes—the former elected in Bedford township, and the latter in Colerain township.

Upon the report of the committee to whom was referred the application and account of Daniel Leet, it was

Resolved, That an order be drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor, for the sum of seven hundred and seven pounds, according to act of Assembly passed the third day of March, 1790, payable out of the funds appropriated for claims and improvements by an act of Assembly passed the twenty-sixth of March, 1789, so as not to interfere with the appropriations of part of the said fund by another act, dated the twenty-eighth of September, 1789, being the amount of his account for surveying the two hundred and two lots in the second district of depreciation lands, according to the Register and Comptroller General's report of the first and second instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 10th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Taylor,	
Amos Gregg,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Abraham Smith,	James Martin,	
Zebulun Potts,	Jonas Hartzell,	
William Findley,	Richard Willing,	
Samuel Edie,	Lord Butler,	
John Wilkins,		

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the appointment of a Lieutenant of the city of Philadelphia and districts annexed, in the room of Colonel William Henry, resigned; and the ballots being taken for the several candidates for the said office, it appeared that Thomas Proctor, Esquire, was unanimously elected.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts referred to in Mr. Lloyd's memorial of yesterday, reported, that having examined the accounts, they find that the sum of ten pounds, as stated by Mr. Lloyd to be due for the pay of the late members of Assembly in the last session, by an error in casting up the sums; whereupon,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Peter Zachary Lloyd, Esquire, for the sum of ten pounds, for which he is to account.

Upon the petition of Mary Herrin, and a respectable recommendation from several Justices of the Peace and others, of the county of Chester, in her behalf, for remission of the fine and punishment at hard labour to which the petitioner was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, for stealing two sheep, the property of William Biggs, it was

Resolved, That the said Mary Herrin be and she is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 11th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Wilkins,	Esquires.
James Read,	Amos Gregg,	
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watts,	
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Taylor,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Richard Willing,	James Martin,	
Abraham Smith,	Lord Butler, and	
Samuel Edie,	William Findley,	

Richard Willing, Esquire, and Mr. Robert Erwin, were offered and accepted as sureties for William Richardson Atlee, Esquire, Register of Wills and Recorder of Wills and Recorder of Deeds; and John Wilkins, Junior, and Jacob Bausman, for Samuel Jones, Esquire, Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds for the county of Allegany.

Ezekiel Sconover, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Northampton, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township of Upper Smithfield, in the said county.

A petition from Anthony Cunningham, who hath been indicted in the Mayor's Court, for larceny, in stealing a coat, the property of Israel Wheelen, stating his case, and praying that Council would be pleased to direct that no farther proceedings may be had against him, was read, with a recommendation in his favor from the said Israel Wheelen; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the said petition be referred to the Attorney General.

Upon the petition of Jacob Rumble, praying remission of the fine payable to the use of the State, upon his being convicted at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held in the county of Philadelphia, of adultery, it was

Resolved, To remit that part of the fine of fifty pounds which belongs to the Commonwealth, to which he was sentenced for the said offence.

Agreeably to the minutes of Council dated the second of December, 1786, and seventh of September, 1787, two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of William Bradford and Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant, Esquires, for the sum of twenty pounds each, as a compensation for their services in defending an eject-

ment now pending in the county of Bucks for an estate which was confiscated and sold to Joseph Thomas.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 13th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Taylor,	
Jonas Hartzell,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Richard Willing,	James Martin,	
Abraham Smith,	Lord Butler,	
Samuel Edie,	William Findley,	
Amos Gregg,		

Upon the petition of William Beatty a prisoner in the jail of the county of Delaware, and a recommendation from three justices of the peace of the said county in his behalf for remission of the fine of ten pounds, to which the petitioner was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, for fornication and bastardy; it was

Resolved, To grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Samuel Jones, Esquire, Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds for the county of Allegany, appeared in Council and expressed a wish to substitute as his surety Jacob Bright for Mr. Bausman who was accepted on Saturday last; whereupon it was agreed to accept Mr. Bright as surety in the room of the said Jacob Bausman.

A petition from John Willisby, a prisoner at hard labour in the jail of the county of Chester, praying that Council would be pleased to remit the several fines and punishments at hard labor to which he was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace of the said county for two larcenies of which he hath been convicted, was read with a recommendation in his behalf from a number of respectable inhabitants of the said county, and a certificate from the Sheriff that he hath behaved himself peaceably since his confinement; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the said John Willisby be and he is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 14th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esq'rs.
Christopher Kucher,	Lord Butler,	
Zebulun Potts,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hartzell,	
Henry Taylor,	Frederick Watts,	
Samuel Edie,	William Findley, and	
John Wilkins,	Amos Gregg,	
Richard Willing,		

A letter from the Attorney General informing Council that Jacob Benner, a delinquent collector of taxes, is now confined in the jail for the sum of one hundred and fifty-two pounds three shillings and eleven pence due to the Commonwealth, that the father of the said Benner (a substancial freeholder) has given his bond and warrant of attorney to confess judgment for the sum due from his son payable with interest, one-half in one month, and the remainder in twelve months, and requesting the advice of Council, being read,

Ordered, That the Attorney General be directed to discharge the said Jacob Benner, he paying the costs of suit.

Mr. Findley produced a certificate from the Receiver General of the Land Office, that the lot No. 89 in Nathaniel Breading's district of depreciation lands was on the sixth day of March, 1786, sold to George Syder who had paid neither the purchase money or office fees; whereupon, it was

Resolved, To consider the said lot as reverted to the State, as the purchaser had not complied with the terms of the law.

A petition from Baltzer Kentzler and wife in behalf of their sons Baltzler and George, who were convicted at the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia, of stealing a horse, stating that the said horse was very old, and had been turned out on the commons by the owner as useless, and praying that Council would be pleased to grant them remission of the fine and punishment to which they have been sentenced by the said Court for the said offence was read, and Colonel Miles having stated to Council (from information) some of the circumstances attending the said offence, from which Council have reason to believe that the prosecution was a malicious one; it was thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Baltzer and George Kinsler, be and they are hereby pardoned.

Upon the petition of James Osburne for remission of the fine and punishment at hard labour to which he was sentenced at the

last Mayor's Court for larceny, and a certificate from the jailor that he has behaved himself peaceably since his confinement; it was

Resolved, That the fine of five pounds to the Commonwealth, and the punishment of hard labour for one year, to which the petitioner was sentenced for the said offence be remitted.

Mr. Potts produced a power of attorney from John Whiteman, authorizing a certain Anthony Musgenung to draw his donation lands, and stated that when he applied to the committee for leave to draw, the power of attorney was not acknowledged, upon which the committee objected to his drawing the lot, and that the application was within the time limited by law; whereupon, it was agreed that Mr. Potts permit John Whiteman by his attorney to draw the said lots, and that Peter Trexler, Esquire, in right of Jacob McClane, whose application is circumstanced nearly as the above be also permitted to draw.

Mr. Elliott was appointed to attend the drawing, instead of Mr. Read, who is absent, and who was, with Mr. Potts, specially appointed to that duty.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 15th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
Henry Taylor,	Lord Butler,	
Samuel Edie,	Benjamin Elliott,	
John Wilkins,	William Finley, and	
Richard Willing,	James Martin,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 16th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watts,	
James Martin,	Abraham Smith,	
John Wilkins,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Henry Taylor,	Richard Willing, and	
Lord Butler,	Amos Gregg,	
William Findley,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Nathaniel Breading, Esquire, for the sum of three pounds ten shillings, payable according to act of Assembly passed the third day of March, 1790, out of the fund appropriated for claims and improvements, by an act of Assembly entituled An Act to appropriate divers funds accruing and growing due to this Commonwealth, towards the expences of government, and to provide a fund for other purposes so as not to interfere with the appropriation of part of the said fund, made and directed by an act entitled An Act to appropriate the sum of five thousand pounds annually for the purposes therein mentioned, &ca., being the fees for surveying the lot No. 99 in the third district of depreciation lands

Upon the second reading of the report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel A. McCoskry, late Surgeon's Mate in the Corps of Artillery Artificers.

It was agreed that the Committee be instructed to request the opinion of the Attorney General in writing on this subject.

The Comptroller General and Register General's report upon the account of Benjamin Elliott, Esquire, for his services as Lieutenant of Huntingdon county, in the years 1788, 1789, and 1790, by which the sum of nineteen pounds five shillings and three pence appears to be due to him, was read and approved, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer, payable out of the militia fines of Huntingdon county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 17th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

The Honoroble GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esq'rs.
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Taylor,	
Abraham Smith,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watts,	
Lord Butler,	Benjamin Elliott, and	
John Wilkins,	James Martin,	
William Findley,		

Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant, Esquire, of Philadelphia, and Daniel Martin, of the county of Bucks, were offered and accepted as sureties for James Hanna, Esquire, who was appointed on the fourth instant Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Bucks.

Upon further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Thrape, who was convicted of a burglary and larceny at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held at Philadelphia the twenty-sixth of January, 1789, and who is now confined in the jail of the said city and county at hard labour for the said crimes, with a recommendation for a pardon from the county commissioners, and from Mr. Reynolds, the Jailor; it was

Resolved, To pardon the said Benjamin Thrape.

Upon the second reading of the petition of Captain Andrew Miller, who was fined at the court of Quarter Sessions of the county of Philadelphia in the sum of five hundred pounds for a breach of the act of Assembly entituled An Act to prevent infectious diseases being brought into this State, and it appearing to the Board by a recommendation from the Court that Captain Miller had no intention of violating the law,

Resolved, That so much of the said fine of five hundred pounds as belongs to the State be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 18th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	William Findley,	
Abraham Smith,	James Martin,	
Zebulun Potts,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Lord Butler,	Richard Willing,	
Frederick Watts,	Henry Taylor,	
Benjamin Elliott,	John Wilkins,	

A letter from William Lewis, Esquire, Attorney of the United States for the district of Pennsylvania, inclosing an extract of a letter from the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, Secretary of the United States, and requesting information relative to the acts or proceedings of this Council which may be supposed to contravene the Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, was received and read, and an order taken that Tuesday next be assigned for the consideration thereof.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Jonas Hartzell, Esquire, for the sum of eighteen pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the thirtieth of August untill the twentieth of September, 1790, the last day included for two milages coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favor of the Honorable James Martin, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-four pounds five shillings and six pence, in full for his attendance in Council from the thirteenth of August until the eighteenth of September, 1790, for two days attendance the twenty-third and twenty-fourth of July, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of John Mitchell, Esquire, late Deputy Quarter Master General of the United States, for sundry expenses paid on account of this State for hoisting the flag at Billingsport in May and June, 1779, and for sundry military stores and camp equipage purchased by him for the State in August and September, 1780, by which a ballance of fifty-seven pounds seven shillings and six pence specie, appears to be due by the State to the said John Mitchell.

Of William Chancellor, for a quantity of goods and merchandize purchased by Colonel William Wilson, by order of this Board, in pursuance of a resolution of the General Assembly, dated the sec-

ond day of September instant, to be delivered to the Chiefs of the Seneca Nations of Indians.

Upon further consideration of the petition of Frederick Deimling, who was convicted at the last Mayor's Court held in June last of forgery, and sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds to the use of the Commonwealth, and to be imprisoned at hard labour for twelve months, praying Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon; it was

Resolved, To pardon the petitioner.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 20th, 1790

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	Esq'rs.
Richard Willing,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Samuel Edie,	John Wilkins,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
William Findley,	Frederick Watts, and	
James Martin,	Christopher Kucher,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of David Kennedy, Esquire, Secretary of the Land Office, for fees received in the said office from the eighth of June until the eighth of September, 1790, amounting to four hundred and seventy-one pounds three shilling and ten pence.

Of Jacob Clider, for a rifle gun which he lent to his brother Abraham Clider, who was killed in actual service in the militia of Northampton county, against the Indians in the year 1780, and the said rifle was lost, valued at six pounds.

Of Samuel Elie for his own pay as Colonel, and for the pay of the Staff Officers of his battalion of Berks county militia while on a tour of duty to Newtown, in the county of Bucks, from the first untill the eighteenth of October, 1781, under General Lacy, amounting to thirty pounds thirteen shillings and six pence.

A letter from the Honorable Henry Knox, Esquire, Secretary of War, of the fifteenth instant, requesting information respecting the payments which have been made by this State of pensions to invalids, was received and read, and the same referred to the Register and Comptroller General to report thereon.

A letter Peter Thompson, relative to his claim to a city lot of about eight acres in right of Thomas Andrews, an original pur-

chase of land from William Penn, and to one-ninth part of one other city lot in right of the original purchase of John Pierce, of two hundred and fifty acres, both which lots he alledges have been sold by the Commonwealth, was read, and it was agreed to refer the same to the Secretary of the Land Office to report to Council thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 21st, 1790.

PRESENT :

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins,	
Richard Willing,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Samuel Edie,	Frederick Watts,	
William Findley,	Abraham Smith,	
Zebulun Potts,	Lord Butler,	
James Martin,	James Read,	

A letter from Peter Zachary Lloyd, Esquire, Clerk to the late General Assembly, requesting the sanction of Council to the entering on the Journals of the last session, an Address to the citizens of Pennsylvania, signed by fifty-six members, on the subject of their sudden dissolution, being read,

Resolved, That the Secretary inform Mr. Lloyd that Council do not consider themselves authorized to give him any instructions relative to the Journals of the General Assembly. They are, however, of opinion, that no inconvenience can arise from subjoining to the minutes the Address signed by fifty-six members of the Assembly.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer :

In favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, due to him, and ending on the eighteenth instant, according to the Register and Comptroller General's reports.

In favor of the Honorable Henry Taylor, Esquire, for the sum of forty pounds, being the amount of his account for attendance in Council from the twenty-first of August until the twenty-first of September, 1790, inclusively, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

A letter from several persons late citizens of this State, formerly resid't in Huntingdon county, who were captured on the Ohio river by the Savages, requesting a publication of the same, for the

information of their friends, was received and read, and it was agreed that the Secretary publish the said letter.

Upon the second reading of the letter from William Lewis, Esquire, Attorney of the United States for the district of Pennsylvania, relative to the proceedings of the Executive of Pennsylvania, which might be supposed by the people of Great Britain to have contravened the Treaty of Peace,

Resolved, That the Secretary be desired to inform the Attorney of the United States for the district of Pennsylvania, that the Supreme Executive Council of this Commonwealth having never been inattentive to any National engagement, are not informed that any proclamation, order, minute, or proceeding of their body, has been, or can be, in an degree, supposed by the people of Great Britain, to be in violation of the Treaty between that Nation and the United States.

Resolved, *nevertheless*, That the Secretary furnish William Lewis, Esquire, with copies of all such proclamations or proceedings of Council, which may be conceived by him to have been in violation of the Treaty of Peace between Great Britain and the United States of America.

Upon consideration of the petition of Moses Moore, who hath been convicted of keeping a tipling house in the county of Chester, and sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of ten pounds, and also a recommendation from the Attorney General of the State in his favor, for remission of the said fine, it was

Resolved, To remit the said fine.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 22nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
James Read,	Lord Butler,	
Abraham Smith,	William Findley,	
Zebulun Potts,	John Wilkins,	
Samuel Edie,	James Martin, and	
Benjamin Elliott,	Richard Willing,	

The reports of the Treasurer and the Comptroller and Register Generals upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of William Perry, Esquire, Treasurer of the county of Westmoreland, until the twentieth of March, 1788, by which a ballance

of one thousand five hundred and forty-eight pounds five shillings appears to be due by him to the Commonwealth, for taxes received.

Of Thomas Scott, Esquire, Clerk of the Peace of the county of Washington for monies received by him for fees upon tavern licences, from December, 1788, until June, 1789, amounting to thirty-nine pounds twelve shillings, which sum hath been paid into the treasury.

Of Joseph Dean, Esquire, Auctioneer for the city of Philadelphia, for the State duty upon the sales at auction from the fifteenth of April until the fifteenth of July, 1790, amounting to seventy-seven pounds seventeen shillings and eleven pence.

Of Christopher Derring, Esquire, Collector of Excise in the county of Northumberland, for excise collected by him from the eighth of March, 1786, untill the thirty-first of May, 1789, amounting to three hundred and thirty-five pounds twelve shillings and one penny.

Of Daniel Beam, for his pay for sixty days service as a Ranger, on the frontiers of Washington county, in the Militia, in the months of April and June, 1788, and for provisions during the same time, amounting to five pounds ten shillings.

Of Jacob Leithiser, of Berks county, for a horse which he furnished for the use of the British prisoners stationed at Reading, valued at eleven pounds.

Of John Lamm, for two months service in Lieutenant Rehrer's company of Berks county militia, from the sixth of October to the sixth of December, 1781, amounting to nine pounds ten shillings.

Of Joseph M'Clean, Esquire, Treasurer of the county of Montgomery, for militia fines received by him, from December the fourteenth, 1785, until July the third, 1789, by which a ballance of fifty-three pounds four shillings and five pence, appears to be due by the said M'Clean to the Commonwealth.

Of Valentine Leephart, for a gun delivered to Captain John Ewing, in the year 1776, for public use, which was valued at two pounds five shillings.

Of Jonathan Hoge, for two hundred feet of Walnut plank furnished to Peter Dehaven for gun stocks, in the year 1778, amounting to two pounds.

Of Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, late Auctioneer for the city of Philadelphia, for the State duty upon sales at auction, from October, 1786, to April the eleventh, 1787, by which a ballance of two hundred and thirty-nine pounds two shillings and seven pence, appears to be due from him to the Commonwealth.

Of Joseph Cook, Esquire, Treasurer of the county of Westmoreland, for monies paid into the Treasury on account of taxes in the said county, amounting to three hundred and thirty-three pounds two shillings and three pence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 23rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Wilkins,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	William Findley,	
Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	
James Read,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Lord Butler,	Frederick Watts, and	
Samuel Edie,	Abraham Smith,	
Zebulun Potts,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Samuel Caldwell, for tonnage on ships or vessels collected by him, from the nineteenth of March, 1788, untill the fifteenth of August, 1789, and for fines received for vessels violating the regulations of the Port, amounting to four thousand three hundred and fifty-five pounds thirteen shillings and eight pence, was read and approved.

A letter from Daniel Brodhead, Esquire, Surveyor General, dated the fourteenth instant, informing Council that he has appointed Charles Dilworth, Esquire, Deputy Surveyor of the counties of Chester and Delaware, and submitting the said appointment for approbation the of Council, according to act of Assembly dated the eighth day of April, 1785, was received and read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Council approve of the said appointment.

Upon further consideration of the petition of Captain Isaac Thompson and others, late of the militia of Bedford county, but now of Huntingdon county, who have been fined by the late Lieutenant of Bedford county, for not attending militia duty on muster days appointed by him, it was

Resolved, To remit the several fines imposed upon Captain Isaac Thompson, Lieutenant Samuel Coyle, John Walker, George Hudson, Patrick Fitzsimmons, Matthew Taylor, Thomas Wakefield, Thomas Kennedy, John Kelly, James Fotze, John Hudson, David Walker, John Egleton, James Marshall, Nicholas Welsh, James Gallagher, William Hudson, William Steel, John M'Mullen, James Allen, Alexander M'Cormick, Archibald Patterson, James Fleming, David Fleming, David Cree, Jeremiah Robinson, Hugh Davidson, James Jamison, George M'Masters, George Cunningham, John Boyle and James Marshall.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 24th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
James Read,	Lord Butler,	
Christopher Kucher,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watts,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie, and	
William Findley,	Richard Willing,	
John Wilkins,		

A letter from George Campbell, Esquire, who was on the fourth instant, re-appointed by Council to the office of Register for the Probate of Wills, and granting letters of Administration, in and for the city of Philadelphia, offering Jonathan Dickinson Serjeant and John Donaldson, Esquires, as his sureties for his faithfull discharge of that office, was read, and whereupon, it was agreed to accept the said gentlemen as sureties for the said Register.

A letter from Richard Peters, Esquire, relative to his claims to certain city lots, in right of an original purchase, and requesting a trial at law, was received and read, and an order taken that Tuesday next be assigned for the consideration of the said claim, and also the several claims of Charles Cecil, Nicholas Young and Peter Thompson, and that the Attorney General and Land Officers be requested to attend.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Charles Campbell, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland, for his services as Lieutenant at sundry times, from August, 1787, untill the first day of June, 1790.

Of George Clingan, Treasurer of the county of Franklin, for monies received by him for taxes of the year 1788, in the said county, amounting to two hundred and eighty-one pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, of which he hath paid into the Treasury the sum of two hundred and eighty pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, and their remains due from him to the Commonwealth upon the said account, the sum of seventeen shillings and nine pence.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Timothy Matlack, Esquire, for the sum of ten pounds, payable out of the six hundred pounds which was appropriated by a resolution of the General Assembly passed the thirty-first of March, 1790, for exploring the head waters of the Susquehanna, Delaware,

Lehigh and Schuylkill, and the western waters within this State, and to be charged to the fund provided by an act of the General Assembly, passed the twenty-eighth of September, 1790, for claims and improvements; the said sum being advanced to the said Timothy Matlack, in part of his pay as one of the Commissioners for exploring the said western waters; for which sum he is to be accountable.

In favor of the Honorable Amos Gregg, Esquire, for the sum of sixty-nine pounds, being in full of his account for attendance in Council from the sixteenth of June untill the sixteenth of September, 1790, the last day included.

Upon the petition of Catherine Brandel, praying remission of the fine payable to the use of the Commonwealth, upon her being convicted at the last Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held in the county of Philadelphia, of adultery, it was

Resolved, To remit the State's share of the fine of fifty pounds to which she was sentenced by the same Court for the said offence.

Upon the report of the Committee to whom was referred the application of Abel Morgan, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Montgomery, for a new order of Council to rectify an error in an order which he received from Council on the twenty-third of September, 1789, for the ballance of his account as Lieutenant of said county, which order stated that the account was settled by the Comptroller and Register Generals to the fourth of June, 1789, instead of the first of January, 1788,

Resolved, That the said order be cancelled, and that a new order issue in lieu thereof in favor of the said Lieutenant for the same sum, and payable in the same manner.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 25th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
James Read,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watt,	
Zebulun Potts,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Richard Willing,	
William Findley,	John Wilkins,	
James Martin.		

Charles Dilworth, Esquire, who was on the twenty-third instant appointed a Deputy Surveyor of the counties of Chester and Dela-

ware, attended and offered Colonel William Gibson and Andrew Boyd, Esquire, of the county of Chester, as his sureties for the faithfull execution of the said office; whereupon, it was

Resolved, To accept the said gentlemen as his sureties.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Samuel Brady, for eleven days' services in the militia called out for the defence of the frontiers of Bedford county in July, 1782, under the command of Lieutenant Robert Gardner, amounting to one pound eighteen and six pence.

Of Henry Kemmerer, for eleven reams and a half of writing paper furnished by him for the use of Council from the twelfth of March to the sixteenth of September, 1790, amounting to sixteen pounds one shilling and six pence, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Henry Kammerer.

A return of several officers of the militia of the county of Luzerne, lately elected to supply vacancies in the first and second battalion, was received from Colonel Zebulun Butler, Lieutenant of that county; and the same being read, commissions were directed to issue agreeably thereto.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 27th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watts, and	
Lord Butler,	Abraham Smith,	
William Findley,		

A letter from Colonel William Wilson, dated Northumberland Town, the twenty-third instant, informing Council that Samuel Doyle, one of the persons charged with killing two freindly Indians on Pine creek, has been apprehended by persons employed by him in consequence of the instructions of Council, and sent to Lancaster jail.

And a letter from James Ross, Esquire, High Sheriff of the county of Lancaster, informing Council that Doyle was lodged in the jail of that county, being read, and the Attorney General attending, the letters were referred to him to take the necessary steps for the trial of Doyle.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 28th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	
Zebulun Potts,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Abraham Smith,	Lord Butler, and	
William Findley,	Richard Willing,	
Samuel Edie,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Findley, Esquire, for the sum of seventy-eight pounds, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the twelfth of August until the twenty-eighth of September, 1790, inclusive, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia in November, 1789, and in April and August, 1790, and for going home in March, May, and at this time.

In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as Chief Justice of the State, ending the twenty-fifth of this month.

In favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, ending on the same day.

In favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the said Court, ending on the same day.

Upon the second reading of the report of the committee to whom were referred the several accounts of the expences attending the reception of the President of the United States and on the anniversary of independence, it was agreed that the Secretary pay to John Grace eighteen pounds six shillings and three pence, to Robert Morrell seventeen pounds ten shillings, to John Conelly two pounds one shilling and eight pence, and to Anthony Wright fifteen pounds four shillings and six pence, being in full for their several accounts of expences as aforesaid.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favour of Charles Biddle, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds, for which he is to be accountable.

The committee to whom was referred the application of Catherine Thompson, widow of General William Thompson, deceased, made the following report, viz: That, in their opinion, the said

Catherine Thompson was entitled to the provisions made in the act of General Assembly passed on the first day of March, 1780, entitled An Act for the more effectual supply and honourable reward of the Pennsylvania troops in the service of the United States of America; whereupon, it was

Resolved, unanimously, To adopt the said report.

Upon further consideration of the letter from Christian Febiger, Esquire, who was, on the fourth instant, re-appointed Treasurer of the State, it was

Resolved, To accept William Bell, Joseph Carson, Andrew Carson, and John Pringle, as sureties for his faithfull execution of the said office according to law.

Upon the second reading of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Irwin, Esquire, of Westmoreland county, stating that the gentlemen appointed by Council on the day of , to investigate the complaint against Michael Huffnagle, Esquire, "do not consider themselves authorized to take notice of anything which may not strictly apply to his present capacity of Prothonotary, and requesting that the authority of those gentlemen may be extended to an investigation of all charges, of every nature, which may affect Michael Huffnagle, in any public capacity whatever."

Resolved, That Council cannot comply with the said request, and that the petition of John Irwin, Esquire, be dismissed.

Council took into consideration the report of Alexander McClean, and James Guthrie, and John Skinner, Commissioners appointed by this Board on the 14th of March, 1789, to lay out a road by the nearest courses and most practicable ground from Bedford to Pittsburgh, agreeably to a resolution of General Assembly passed the 21st of November, 1788; and on motion of Mr. Findley, seconded by Mr. Wilkins, it was

Resolved, That Council approve of the road as laid out by the said Commissioners, and that the same be confirmed, the courses and distances of which are as follows, vizt: Beginning at the Centre street of Bedford road and running westward, south eighty-six degrees, west sixty three perches and seven-tenths of a perch, north fifty-nine degrees and a half, west eighty-two perches and two-tenths of a perch, north thirty-nine degrees, west twenty perches and five-tenths of a perch, north forty-nine degrees and a half, west seventy-four perches and seven-tenths of a perch, north fifty-eight degrees and one quarter, west ninety-two perches, north twenty-seven and a half degrees, west twenty-four perches and one-tenth of a perch, north half of a degree, east one hundred and sixty-seven perches, north twenty-six degrees, west twenty four perches and seven-tenths of a perch, north thirty-four degrees and a half, west sixty-two perches and two-tenths of a perch, north twenty-eight degrees and a half, west sixty-one perches and five-tenths of a perch, north five degrees and a half, west thirty perches and six-tenths of a perch,

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es, north seventy-two degrees west thirty-seven perches and two-tenths of a perch, at eight perches Nine Mile run, north forty-seven degrees and three-quarters west thirty-two perches, south nine degrees and one quarter west twenty-two perches, south fifty-nine degrees west fourteen perches, south eighty-two degrees west twenty perches and six-tenths of a perch, north forty-eight degrees west sixty-six perches, north eighty degrees west sixty-one perches and five-tenths of a perch, south eighty-five degrees west fifty-seven perches, south seventy-eight degrees west ninety-two perches, north eighty degrees west fifty perches; here Pittsburgh bears north sixty-eight degrees and three-quarters west, and can be seen, a beautiful prospect; north fifty-two degrees west one hundred and forty-nine perches, north twenty perches west twenty-eight perches, south eight-five degrees and three-quarters west thirteen perches and five-tenths of a perch, north sixty-two degrees west sixteen perches, south forty-two degrees and a half west sixteen perches and two-tenths of a perch, north six degrees west seventeen perches, to Four Mile run, north forty-seven degrees west seventy-one perches, north forty-one degrees west ninety-six perches, north fifty-five degrees and three quarters, west twenty-six perches, north sixty degrees, west sixty-six perches, north fifty-seven degrees, west thirty-two perches, north sixty-three degrees and one quarter, west thirty-seven perches, north sixty-nine degrees, west forty-eight perches, north seventy-six degrees, west forty-two perches, north fifty-nine degrees, west eight perches, south sixty-five degrees, west twelve perches, west thirty-eight perches, south eighty-two and a half degrees, west sixteen perches, south eighty-five & a half degrees, west twenty-seven perches, south eighty-four degrees, west thirty-eight perches, south seventy-eight degrees, west eighty-two perches, south seventy-two degrees, west seventeen perches, south eighty-five degrees, west seventy perches, north eighty seven degrees, west twenty-five perches, north seventy-eight degrees and a half, west thirty-six perches, north sixty-one degrees, west forty-six perches, north forty-four and one quarter degrees, west thirty-three perches, north sixty-four degrees, west one hundred and twenty-two perches and five-tenths of a perch to the east side of street, near the market, in Pittsburgh.

Note —An error has taken place in drafting the traverse, owing to the poor conveniences of pasting paper, which I did not discover until I applied it to the random line, and time would not then admit of the connection, otherwise I would have drafted all again. From opposite Greensburgh to Pittsburgh, and back to Colonel Erwin's, may be relied on to be exact as is practicable, except the general plan of Brush creek, which is only at random.

The principal error in drafting is on the eastward of the forty-three mile post, or tree, as they come near at that place.

ALEXANDER McCLEAN.

The report of the Commissioners who were appointed to view the before-mentioned road, is as follows:

BEDFORD, May 26th, 1790.

In consequence of a resolution of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, dated the twenty-first day of November, 1788, and an extract from the minutes tested in Council the fourteenth day of March, 1789, and to us directed, we have viewed and marked out a road between Bedford and Pittsburgh, agreeably to the directions given in said resolution, to the best of our knowledge and understanding, a plan of which we hereunto annex, and would just observe to Council that we consider it impracticable to make it nearer without increasing the expence to such a degree that we fear being approved, at the same time are of opinion that the distance may be shortened considerably by great labor and expence, in forcing a passage down the Allegany mountains, northward of the present road, which we have not attempted for the reasons aforesaid. We have viewed with much attention the ground westward thereof, and find it is not impossible, altho' very difficult.

ALEXANDER McCLEAN,
JAMES GUTHRIE,
JOHN SKINNER.

The Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

The consideration of the several claims of Richard Peters, Charles Cecil, Nicholas Young and Peter Thompson, was postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 29th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	
Abraham Smith,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Lord Butler,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Samuel Edie,	Richard Willing,	

The Treasurer and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Samuel Turbutt, Esquire, Collector of Excise in the county of Lancaster, for excise collected from the third of October, 1789, untill the twenty-eighth of September, 1790, amounting to one thousand two hundred and eight pounds three shillings and two

pence, which sum hath been paid into the Treasury, except eight pounds charged for expences.

Of Jacob Arndt, junior, treasurer of the county of Northampton, for monies received on account of taxes in said county, from March to September, 1790, amounting to nine hundred and eighty-two pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence.

Of Matthew Irwin, Esquire, Master of the Rolls, for inrolling the laws of the Commonwealth, from the nineteenth of November, 1789, untill the twenty-third of April, 1790, amounting to forty-five pounds one shilling and four pence, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Lord Butler, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-three pounds fifteen shillings, being the amount of his account for attendance in Council from the twenty-fourth of August, untill the twenty-ninth of September, 1790, inclusively, and mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

Thomas Johnston, Esquire, was appointed a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Franklin, upon a return made according to law for the township of Antrim in the said county.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Donaldson, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one-quarter salary due to him as Register General of the accounts of this State, and ending the twenty-eight instant, according to the Comptroller General report.

A petition from Thomas Gregory now confined in the jail of this city for larceny, with a certificate from Mr. Reynolds the jailor, that his time of servitude is expired, and that he has been of good behaviour during his confinement; being read, it was

Resolved, That the fine of thirty-five shillings and punishment, to which he was sentenced by the Mayor's Court for the said offence be remitted.

The fine of five pounds to which George Reinhart was sentenced by the Mayor's Court for an assault and battery upon a certain George Heck, was also remitted agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

A petition from George Detrick Molk, who hath been convicted at the Mayor's Court of larceny in stealing a quantity of thread, the proporty of William Deshong, stating that this is the first offence, and praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a remission of the fine and punishment at hard labour, to which he has been sentenced, was read, with a recommendation from the Petit Jury, and from John Stine, with whom the petitioner hath lived for fourteen months before his conviction, certifying his good behaviour; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the said John George Deitrick Molk be and he is hereby pardoned.

Upon the second reading of a petition of William Hobbert, who hath been convicted of larceny upon two indictments in the county of Franklin, and a recommendation from several respectable inhabitants of the said county for the pardon of the petitioner; it was

Resolved, That the said William Hobbert be and he is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, September 30th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires,
James Read,	John Wilkins,	
Abraham Smith,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Benjamin Elliott,	Zebulun Potts,	
Samuel Edie,		

A petition from Elizabeth Mooney now confined in the jail of this city for larceny, with a certificate from Mr. Renolds the jailor, that her time of servitude is expired, and that she only remains in custody for the fine of thirty shillings due to the Commonwealth; being read, it was

Resolved, That the said fine to which the petitioner was sentenced by the Mayor's Court in September, 1789, be and the said is hereby remitted.

Upon the report of the committee who were requested to enquire into the conduct and situation of Richard C. Skinner, John Messemer, junior, and Alexander Gardner, who are confined in the jail of this city, and have by their several petitions prayed Council to pardon the several offences of which they have been convicted; it was

Resolved, To pardon John Messemer, jun'r, and Alexander Gardner, and that the pardon of the latter be on condition of his leaving this State immediately not to return.

The Comptroller and Register General's report upon the account of His Excellency Thomas Mifflin for leaden spouts taken from his house in August, 1777, for the use of the army, by Messieurs Evans, Allison and Worrell, according to a resolution of Council dated August 27th, 1777, in pursuance of a resolution of Congress of the day preceeding, amounting to forty-eight pounds one shilling and three pence, was read and approved.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt: In favor of the Honorable Benjamin Elliott, Esquire for the sum of

fifty-four pounds ten shillings in full of his account for attendance in Council from the third of August until the thirtyeth of September inclusively, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia in August and going home at this time.

In favor of Frederick Sneider for the said sum of fifteen pounds in full for his attendance as doorkeeper to Council in the month of September, 1790.

The Council met.

PHILA'A, Friday, October 1st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presi't.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Samuel Edie,	Esquire.
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	John Wilkins,	
Zebulun Potts,	James Martin, and	
Richard Willing,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Benjamin Elliott,		

A petition from Emanuel Eyre for the pardon of his negro slave Fortune, who hath been convicted at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in the county of Philadelphia of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such, and a petition from James Oellers in behalf of his negro slave Sarah Craig, who was convicted at the same Court of the like offence, being read, and it being certified to Council that the said slaves had before their conviction behaved themselves well; it was thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Negros Fortune, and Sarah be pardoned.

Upon the petition of Samuel Findley, of Franklin county, and a recommendation from a number of respectable inhabitants of the said county, in his behalf, for remission of a forfeiture of fifty pounds to the Commonwealth, which the petitioner has incurred by reason of the non-appearance of Anthony Blainey at the last June Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said county, to answer for an assault and battery upon a certain John Carral, it was

Resolved, To remit the said forfeiture.

A petition from Daniel Daugherty, who was convicted at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in the county of Philadelphia of robing a certain Abraham Scott, being read, and a committee of Council who lately made some enquiry into his case having reported in his favor, it was

Resolved, To pardon the petitioner.

Mr. Willing was appointed to attend the Board of Property for the month of October.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, October 2nd, 1790, Saturday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Jonas Hartzell,	
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Zebulun Potts,	Samuel Edie,	
Richard Willing,	Frederick Watts,	
John Wilkins,		

The reports of the Comptroller and Register Generals upon the following accounts were read and adopted, vizt:

Of Abraham Smith, Esquire, late Lieutenant of the county of Franklin, for one hundred and seventy-six days employed in the duties of the said office from the seventh of April, 1785, untill the twenty-eighth of November, 1787, amounting to one hundred and ten pounds, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Lieutenant, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said county.

Of Captain Abraham Keeffer, for the pay of his company of Berks county militia, in the fifth battalion, for their services in defending the frontiers of Northumberland county in September, 1782, amounting to four hundred and twenty-five pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer vizt:

In favor of Anne McNeal, for the sum of three hundred and twenty-five pounds twelve shillings and six pence, being a ballance of pension which was decreed to her by the Orphans' Court of the county of Philadelphia, until the first day of January, 1788, in pursuance of an act of General Assembly, passed the first day of March 1780, and according to the Comptroller General's report, of the eleventh of August, 1788.

In favor of Thomas Procter, Esquire, for the sum of seventy pounds, payable out of the militia fines of the said city, and of Philadelphia, for the purpose of paying the drummers and fifers who have been employed by him on the days appointed for exercising the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, and for other expences, for which sum the said Thomas Procter is to be accountable.

Petitions from Thomas Schockney and James Ryan, now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, for larceny, with a certificate from Mr. Reynolds, the Jailor, that their time of servitude is expired, that they have been of good behaviour during

their confinement, and remain in custody only for the fines due to the Commonwealth, being read, it was

Resolved, That the said fines to which the petitioners were sentenced be remitted.

The fine of three pounds imposed upon William Thomas by the Mayor's Court, for keeping a disorderly house, was also remitted, agreeably to the prayer of his petition, and upon a recommendation from five of the Aldermen of the city in his favor.

Upon the second reading of a petition from John Burket, who was at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace convicted of horse stealing, praying remission of the fine of twenty-seven pounds and the punishment at hard labour to which he was sentenced for the said offence, and the petitioner being recommended to Council by William Coats, Esquire, and several respectable inhabitants of the county of Philadelphia for a pardon, it was

Resolved, To pardon the petitioner.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 4th, 1790.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice Presid't.

James Read,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
Richard Willing,	John Wilkins, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	James Martin,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 5th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins,	
Richard Willing,	James Martin, and	
Jonas Hartzell,	Samuel Edie,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Edie, for the sum of thirty-three pounds fifteen shil-

lings, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the first of September until the seventh of October, 1790, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia in August and going home at this time.

Upon farther consideration of the petition of Daniel Bickley, with a recommendation from George Forepaugh and Thomas Britton, for remission of that part of the forfeiture of one hogshead of rum which belongs to the State, lately seized by the Collector of Excise in the city and county of Philadelphia, as not being entered by the petitioner according to law, and Mr. Kucher, who made some enquiry into the case, having reported that the allegations of the petitioner are true, it was

Resolved, That the State share of the said forfeiture be remitted.

Upon the second reading of a petition from Benjamin Miller, of Chester county, and a recommendation in his favor from several Justices of the Peace and respectable inhabitants of the said county, it was

Resolved, That the fine of ten pounds to which he was sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the said county, for keeping a tipling house, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 6th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Wilkins,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Richard Willing,	
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Martin,		

A letter from William Wilson, Esquire, relative to the Walkers and his order in favor of Heburn and Cowden, for the sum of fifty pounds, the additional reward offered by direction of Council for the apprehending and confining in Lancaster or Philadelphia county jail, each of the murderers of the Indians on Pine creek, Samuel Doyle, one of the murderers of the Indians, having been apprehended and safely lodged in the jail of Lancaster county, being read, it was agreed to issue an order in favor of Messieurs Heburn and Cowden, for the sum of fifty pounds, to reimburse them for the like sum advanced by them to Colonel Wilson, to pay the additional reward aforesaid, to the person and persons who apprehended and secured the said Samuel Doyle.

Upon the second reading of the petition from Daniel Folke, and a recommendation from six of the Justices of the Peace of the county of Chester in his behalf, it was

Resolved, To remit the State share of the fine of fifty pounds to which the petitioner was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, upon his being convicted of adultery.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Edie, Esquire, for the sum of three pounds for four days' services as a commissioner in superintending the business of opening the public road through Black's Gap, agreeably to an order of Council dated June 24th, 1789, and in pursuance of an act of Assembly, passed on the twenty-seventh day of March in the same year.

In favor of the Honorable John Wilkins, Esquire, for the sum of forty-five pounds five shillings, in full of his attendance in Council from the twentyeth to the twenty-fourth of June and from the third of September until the seventh of October, 1790, inclusively, and his mileage coming to Philadelphia in September, and going home at this time.

In favor of the Honorable Abraham Smith, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and nineteen pounds five shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the tenth untill the sixteenth of April, and from the eighteenth of May untill the seventh of October, 1790, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia in May, and returning home at this time.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 7th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	John Wilkins,	
James Read,	Richard Willing,	
Abraham Smith,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watts,		

The warrant drawn yesterday in favor of Messieurs Hepburn and Cowden to pay the additional reward offered by Council for apprehending and securing Samuel Doyle, being for fifty pounds paper money, it was

Resolved, That an additional order be drawn in their favor for six pounds five shillings paper money, to make good the sum which was engaged to be paid in specie.

The Committee appointed by Council to examine the certificates and registers in the Comptroller General's office, agreeably to an act of General Assembly of March the first, 1786, entituled An Act for the further relief of the public creditors who are citizens of this State, by receiving on loan certain debts of the United States of America, and for funding the same, and for paying the annual interest of such loans and the interest of certain debts of this State every six months, reported: That they had carefully examined all the original certificates of the United States in the office of the Comptroller General, together with the books of register, containing the numbers, names, original sums and specie sum, agreeably to the scale of depreciation and the time when interest commenced: That they have also examined the check books and the books wherein the new loan certificates are registered, and find the original certificates to be there and in good order, agreeing with the check books and book of register of new loan certificates, which new loan certificates amount to £1,937,885 15 3, exclusive of £477,231 15 2, renewed certificates, granted for the sake of change.

Colonel Eleazer Oswald and Francis Swaine, Esquire, were offered and accepted as sureties for Thomas Procter, Esquire, who was on the tenth day of September last appointed Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia.

An account of the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, for his salary as Vice President of the State from the fifth day of November, 1788, until the twelfth day of October, 1790, amounting to nine hundred and sixty-eight pounds ten shillings and eleven pence, of which sum he hath received eight hundred and seventy-five pounds, and by which a ballance of ninety-three pounds ten shillings and eleven pence, appears to be now due to him, was laid before the Board; whereupon, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Ross, for the said sum of ninety-three pounds ten shillings and eleven pence.

A transcript of the record of conviction of Patrick Waugh for the murder of his wife, being read, and the case of the prisoner fully considered, it was,

Resolved, That a warrant under the lesser seal of the State be now issued to the Sheriff of city and county of Philadelphia, commanding him to execute the sentence of the Court upon the said Patrick Waugh, on Saturday, the twenty-third day of the present month, at the usual place of execution.

On motion,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of His Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred pounds, in part of his salary as President of the State, for which sum he is to account.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the accounts of Thomas Willing, Esquire, for leaden spouts taken from his house

in August and September, 1777, for the use of the army, by Messieurs Warrall, Evans, and Allison, according to a resolution of Council dated August the twenty-seventh, 1777, in pursuance of a resolution of Congress of the day preceding, amounting to thirty-six pounds eight shillings and nine pence, was read and approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of the County Commissioners for the west wing of the State House, to accommodate the House of Representatives in Congress, made a report which was read and adopted, as follows, vizt:

The Committee appointed to consider of and report the propriety of giving up the west wing of the State House for the use of the Congress of the United States, report: That it appears to your Committee the whole of the west wing of the State House will be absolutely necessary to accommodate the House of Representatives of the United States, with the requisite rooms for their Clerk, for Committee rooms, and a room for the papers of the former Congress.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the most suitable places that can be obtained be procured as soon as possible for the accommodation of the Land Offices, and for Joseph Fry, Doorkeeper to the late House of General Assembly. Your Committee beg leave to inform the Board that three rooms on the second floor of the Carpenters' Hall may be had for the rent of seventy pounds per annum, which they apprehend, if it is thought a suitable situation, will accommodate the Secretary and Receiver General of the Land Office very compleatly, and a house in Fifth street between Market and Chesnut streets can be procured for Mr. Fry's family. And that the Register General may occupy the lower room in the east end of the east wing of the State House, now occupied by the Comptroller General, which the Comptroller agrees to give up. Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Supreme Executive Council take order for delivering up the whole of the west wing of the State House for the use of the Congress of the United States, and for the accommodation of the Secretary and Receiver General of the Land Office, Register General, and Joseph Fry's family with apartments elsewhere.

Upon further consideration of the petition of Richard C. Skinner, who was convicted on the seventeenth of March last, of a cheat, and is now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, praying a pardon, and the petitioner being recommended by the jailor for his good behaviour, and it being certified to Council that this is the first offence, it was

Resolved, That the said Richard C. Skinner be, and he is hereby pardoned.

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Christiana Little, widow of Nathaniel Little, late Serjeant in the Lancaster county militia, for the sum of one hundred

and fifty-seven pounds ten shillings, payable according to act of Assembly, passed the twenty-seventh of March last, being the amount of a warrant of Council, dated the sixteenth of January, 1789, which was drawn in her favor, for the support of herself and child, from December, 1777, untill September, 1786, according to an order of Orphans' Court of Lancaster county, in pursuance of an act of Assembly passed March the twentieth, 1780, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said county, but that fund not being productive, the said warrant is now delivered up to be cancelled.

In favor of Catherine Tantlinger, widow of Henry Tantlinger, late of the Bedford county militia, for the sum of thirty-three pounds fifteen shillings, payable according to act of Assembly passed the twenty-seventh day of March last, being the amount of two warrants of Council, dated the fifteenth of May, 1788, and the tenth of October, 1789, which were drawn in her favor, for the pensions due to her untill the fourteenth of August, 1787, according to an order of Orphans' Court of the said county, dated the same day, in pursuance of an act of Assembly passed the twentieth of March, 1780, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said county, but that fund not being productive, the said warrants are now delivered up to be cancelled.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 8th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	
Christopher Kucher,	Jonas Hartzell, and	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Jonas Hartzell, Esquire, for the sum of twelve pounds, in full of his account for attendance in Council, from the twenty-seventh of September untill the eighth of October, 1790, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia in September and returning home at this time.

Stephen Duncan, Esquire, and Doctor Samuel A. M'Coskrey, were offered and accepted as sureties for William Lyon, Esquire, who was on the fourth of last month, re-appointed Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the county of Cumberland.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of John Byers, Esquire, as a commissioner for opening and repairing the road from Conrad Minick's mill to Sunbury, in the county

of Northumberland, amounting to five hundred and thirteen pounds four shillings and one penny half-penny, was read and approved.

The petition of James Thomas, who was convicted of horse stealing in the county of Lancaster, upon four indictments, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, to pay four several fines to the use of the Commonwealth, amounting in the whole to the sum of eighty pounds, and to be confined at hard labour until the third day of August, 1792, praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon, being read a second time, and the petitioner being well recommended to Council by a number of respectable inhabitants of Kent county, in the State of Delaware; it was thereupon,

Resolved, To pardon the said James Thomas.

A petition from John Cinle, of the county of Berks, in behalf of himself and Henry Dotterer, for remission of the several fines to which they were sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, for a forcible entry and detainer, was read, with a recommendation in favor of the petitioners from four of the late representatives of the said county, in the General Assembly; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the several fines which were imposed upon the petitioners for the said offence, be and the same are hereby remitted.

In Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 11th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble Samuel Miles, James Martin, Christopher Kucher, Richard Willing, James Read, Frederick Watt, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Frederick Watt, Esquire, for fifty-one pounds sixteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the twelfth of August until the eleventh of October, 1790, inclusively, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home at this time.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of forty pounds for the purchasing of firewood for the use of Council, for which sum he is to be accountable.

In favor of Robert Leslie, for the sum of twenty pounds, being the amount of his account for one year's salary for taking care of the State House clock, according to the Register and Comptroller General's reports of the eighth instant.

In favor of Elizabeth M'Williams, for the sum of forty pounds nine shillings and five pence payable according to act of General Assembly passed the twenty-seventh day of March last, being the amount of pension due to her from the fourteenth of September, 1786, untill the first of October, 1790, according to an order of Orphans' Court of the county of Northumberland, in pursuance of an act of General Assembly dated the twentieth of March, 1780, and agreeably to the Register and Comptroller General's reports of the fourth instant.

Upon application of Manuel Josephson, in behalf of the Hebrew congregation, for the loan of two small lottery wheels belonging to the State, to be used for drawing their lottery, it was agreed that the Secretary with the committee who have superintended the drawing of the Donation Land lottery, take order respecting the said loan.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, October, 14th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble Samuel Miles, Zebulun Potts, and Richard Willing, Amos Gregg, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 15th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles, Zebulun Potts, and Richard Willing, Amos Gregg, } Esq'rs.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of John Dunlap, for moneys lent to the State for the purpose of recruiting the Pennsylvania line of the Continental army on the twentieth of November and fourteenth day of December, 1780, amounting, in principal and interest, to the sum of thirty-seven pounds four shillings; for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said John Dunlap.

Of James Duncan, for the sum of fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as Clerk to the Comptroller General, ending the tenth instant; for which an order was drawn upon the Treasurer.

Returns of the General Election of Sheriffs and Coroners in the city and county of Philadelphia, and the counties of Bucks and Montgomery, were received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

For the city and county of Philadelphia—James Ash and William Will, Sheriffs; and John Leacock and Peter Jodon, Coroners. For the county of Bucks—Jacob Bennett and William Chapman, Sheriffs; and Joseph Hart and John Hough, Coroners. And for the county of Montgomery—Henry Hooken and Christian Dull, Sheriffs; and John Roberts and John Potts, Coroners. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That James Ash, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia; Jacob Bennett, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Bucks; and Henry Hooken, Esquire, Sheriff, and John Roberts, Coroner, of the county of Montgomery.

In conformity with the act of General Assembly passed the fifth day of March, 1790, entituled An Act relating to the securities to be given by Sheriffs and Coroners, Henry Hooken, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Montgomery, appeared before Council, and entered into a recognizance in the sum of two thousand pounds for the faithfull performance of the duties of his said office according to law, and he offered Joseph Tyson and George Weaver, of Montgomery county, as his sureties, who were accepted.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Samuel Powell, Esquire, for leaden spouts taken from his house in August, 1777, for the use of the army, by Messieurs Worral, Evans and Allison, according to a resolution of Council dated August twenty-seventh, 1777, in pursuance of a resolution of Congress of the day preceeding, amounting to forty-four pounds nineteen shillings, was read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That John Leacock be appointed and commissionated Coroner in and for the city and county of Philadelphia, and Joseph Hart, Coroner in and for the county of Bucks.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 16th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles, Richard Willing, Zebulun Potts, Amos Gregg, and James Martin, } Esquires.

Returns of the General Election of Sheriffs and Coroners in th counties of Berks and Northampton were received and read, by

which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

For the county of Berks—Philip Kreemer and William Whiteman, Sheriffs, and Peter Fether, Junior, and John Snell, Coroners. And for the county of Northampton—Jonas Hartzell and Robert Traill, Sheriffs, and Joseph Martin and George Roudebush, Coroners. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That Philip Kremer be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Peter Feather, Jun'r, Coroner, of the county of Berks; and Jonas Hartzell, Sheriff, and Joseph Martin, Coroner, of the county of Northampton.

In conformity with the act of Assembly passed the fifth of March, 1790, entitled "An Act regulating to the securities to be given by Sheriffs and Coroners," James Ash, Esquire, sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia; Philip Kreemer, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Berks; and Jonas Hartzell, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Northampton, appeared before Council, and severally entered into recognizance for the faithfull performance of their respective offices, according to law, in the sums following, vizt:

James Ash, six thousand pounds; Philip Kreemer, two thousand five hundred; and Jonas Hartzell, one thousand five hundred; and the following named gentlemen were offered and accepted as sureties for the faithfull performance of their respective offices, according to law.

For James Ash, Esquire, Andrew Tybout, Bryan Wilkinson and James Craig, junior, for Philip Kreemer, Joseph Hiester and William Green, and for Jonas Hartzell, David Waggoner and Felix Linn.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 18th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Samuel Miles, James Martin, and Richard Willing, Amos Gregg, } Esquires.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Joseph Killburn, for leaden spouts taken from his house in August, 1777, for the use of the army by Messieurs Worral, Evans and Allison, according to a resolution of Council dated August the twenty-seventh, 1777, in pursuance of a resolution of Congress of the day preceding amounting to twenty-one pounds seven shillings and six pence.

Of Michael Morgan O'Bryan, for money lent to the State for the purpose of recruiting the Pennsylvania line of the late Continental army on the twenty-eighth day of November, 1780, amounting in principal and interest to eight pounds seven shillings and six pence, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. O'Brien.

The Attorney General to whom the memorial of Richard Peters, Esquire, relative to certain city lots claimed under old rights, was referred, attended and advised the submitting the said memorial to the Judges of the Supreme Court for their opinion, the President to take order.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 19th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles, Zebulun Potts, and } Esq'rs.
Richard Willing, Amos Gregg, }

Returns of the General Election of Sheriffs and Coroners in the counties of Chester and York, were received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were elected, vizt:

For the county of Chester, Charles Dilworth and Joseph McClellan, Sheriffs, and Nathan Scolfield, and John Underwood, Coroners; and for the county of York, Conrad Laub and Godfrey Lenhart, Sheriffs, and Doctor John Morris, and Andrew Johnston, Coroners; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That Charles Dilworth be appointed and commissionated Sheriff of the county of Chester, and Nathan Scolfield, Coroner of the said county; and that Conrad Laub, be re-appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Doctor John Morris, Coroner of the county of York.

In conformity with the Act of Assembly passed the fifth day of March, 1790, entitled An Act relating to the securities to be given by Sheriffs and Coroners, Charles Dilworth, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Chester, and Conrad Laub, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of York, appeared before Council and severally entered into recognizance for the faithful performance of their respective offices, according to law in the following sums, vizt:

Charles Dilworth, three thousand pounds, and Conrad Laub, two thousand pounds; and the following named persons were offered and accepted as their sureties: For Charles Dilworth, Isaac Wells and Thomas Chesney; and for Conrad Laub, Philip Gausler, Daniel May, James Short and Andrew Billmeyer.

On application of Nathaniel Falconer, Esquire, Health Officer, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the sum of twenty-two pounds ten shillings, payable out of the fund arising from head money for the purpose of repairing the public wharf at State Island, for which sum he is to be accountable.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Andrew Brown, for six copies of the Federal Gazette, furnished for the use of Council for one year, ending the thirtieth of September, 1790, amounting to eleven pounds eleven shillings and five pence, was read and approved, and an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the said sum.

A letter from John Donaldson, Esquire, Register General, dated this day, informing Council that he hath received a supœna to attend as a witness at a Court of Oyer and Terminer to be held at Easton, the twenty-fifth instant, in a cause depending between the Commonwealth and the late Commissioners of the county of Northampton, and requesting to know the pleasure of Council therein, was received and read, and it was agreed to grant Mr. Donaldson's permission to attend the said Court.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 21st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles, Zebulun Potts, and } Esquires.
Richard Willing, Amos Gregg, }

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Matthew Irwin, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-four pounds five shillings and eight pence, being in full of his account for recording two drafts of the district of Southwark, and the townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, and for inrolling the proceedings of Council upon the reports of the Commissioners who were appointed to survey and regulate the said district and townships, according to the directions of an act of the General Assembly passed the twenty-ninth of September, 1787.

Returns of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners in the counties of Lancaster and Delaware, were received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

For the county of Lancaster, James Ross and George Moore Sheriffs, and George Graff and John Widley Coroners; and

For the county of Delaware, Nicholas Fairlamb and Joseph Pearson Sheriffs, and Caleb Bennett and Henry Odenheimer Coroners. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That James Ross, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and George Graff Coroner, of the county of Lancaster; and Nicholas Fairlamb Sheriff, and Caleb Bennett Coroner, of the county of Delaware.

In conformity with the act of Assembly passed the fifth day of March last, entituled "An act relating to the sureties to be given by Sheriffs & Coroners," James Ross, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Lancaster, and Nicholas Fairlamb, Sheriff of the county of Delaware, appeared before Council, and severally entered into recognizances for the faithfull performance of their respective offices, according to law, in the following sums, vizt:—James Ross four thousand pounds, and Nicholas Fairlamb one thousand pounds; and the following named gentlemen were offered and accepted as sureties, vizt:—for James Ross, Doctor Frederick Kuhn, Samuel Wright, and Alexander Scott; and for Nicholas Fairlamb, Frederick Fairlamb and James Bernard.

A return of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners in the county of Northumberland, was also received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:—Martin Withington, John Boyd and Charles Gobin Sheriffs, and Joseph Lorentz and Henry Lebo Coroners.

Letters from Jasper Ewing, Charles Smith and William Maclay, Esquires, dated Sunbury, October the fifteenth and sixteenth, stating that Martin Withington, Esquire, Sheriff elect of the county of Northumberland, has been prevented from attending in Philadelphia to enter into a recognizance, and to give bond, with sureties, in conformity with the act of General Assembly passed on the fifth day of March last, and requesting that Commissioners may be appointed to take his recognizance and the said bond, in the county, were received and read; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That Jasper Ewing and Christian Getting, Esquires, be appointed Commissioners for the above purposes.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 22nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

Samuel Miles, Zebulun Potts, and } Esquires.
Richard Willing, Amos Gregg, }

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred pounds, being one

quarter's salary due to him on the thirteenth instant, as Comptroller General of the Accounts of this State, according to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, and an act of General Assembly passed the fourth day of April, 1785.

A return of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners in the county of Franklin, was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:—Henry Work and James Irwin Sheriffs, and George Clarke and George Stover Coroners; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That Henry Work, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and George Clarke Coroner, of the county of Franklin.

Martin Withington, Esquire, was also appointed Sheriff of the county of Northumberland, agreeably to the return received yesterday.

Henry Shoemaker, George Moy and Andrew Stroupe, were accepted as sureties for the said Martin Withington, and a commission to Japer Ewing and Christian Gettig, Esquires, to take his recognizance and bond, was issued agreeably to the minute of yesterday.

It being represented to Council that Henry Work, Sheriff of the county of Franklin, is prevented from attending in Philadelphia at this time, to enter into recognizance, and give a bond with sureties as the act of Assembly of the fifth day of March last directs, it was

Resolved, That Abraham Smith and Edward Crawford, Esquires, be appointed Commissioners to take from the said Sheriff the recognizance and the bond which the act of Assembly before mentioned requires, and that the said Commissioners make report to Council of their proceedings in the premises.

A letter from John Simpson, Esquire, Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Northumberland, offering William Cook, John Kelly and Simon Sneider, as his sureties for the faithful performance of the said offices, was read, and it was agreed to accept the said gentlemen as sureties.

John Hoober and Jacob Myer were offered by James Jacks, Esquire, as sureties for the faithfull performance of the duties of his offices of Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Lancaster, and it was agreed to accept the said gentlemen as his sureties.

Upon the second reading of a petition from Robert Campbell, with a recommendation in behalf of the petitioner from the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, late Vice President of the State, and a number of respectable inhabitants of the county of Lancaster, for remission of that part of the forfeiture of two hogsheads of rum which belongs to the Commonwealth, lately seized by the Collector of Excise of the said county, as not being entered according to law, it was

Resolved, That the State's share of the said forfeiture be remitted, it appearing to Council that the petitioner had no intention to defraud the State.

Upon further consideration of the petition of Alexander Brodie, who was convicted of an assault and battery upon Jonathan Penrose, Esquire, with an intent to kill him, the said Jonathan, and was sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer of the county of Philadelphia, to pay a fine of twenty-five pounds to the Commonwealth, and to be imprisoned three months, &ca; and it appearing to Council that the term of his imprisonment is expired, it was

Resolved, To remit the fine of twenty-five pounds which is due to the Commonwealth.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Corporation of the city be authorized to fix upon any spot of ground in the State House yard for sinking a necessary, which they may judge most convenient and suitable.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 23rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles, Richard Willing, Zebulun Potts, Amos Gregg, and Lord Butler, } Esquires.

A return of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners for the county of Luzerne was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:—Jesse Fell and Arnold Colt, Sheriffs; and Abel Yarington and Abel Pierce, Coroners; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That Jesse Fell be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Abel Yarington, Coroner, of the said county.

Putnam Catlin, Esquire, John Hollandback and Nathan Carey, of the county of Luzerne, were offered and accepted as sureties for Jesse Fell's faithfull performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff of the said county, according to law.

Edward Crawford, Junior, Esquire, who was, on the fourth day of September last, re-appointed by Council Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds for the county of Franklin, attended, and offered as his sureties Edward Crawford, Senior, and John Crawford, and also John Work, James Crawford and Johnston Elliott, as sureties for Henry Work, Esquire, who was yesterday appointed Sheriff of the said county.

Whereupon, it was agreed to accept the said gentlemen as sureties for the said officers.

A commission to Abraham Smith and Edward Crawford, junior, Esquires, authorizing them to take Sheriff Work's recognizance and bond in the county, was issued agreeably to the minute of yesterday.

A representation of several respectable citizens of Philadelphia, presented by the Reverend Ashbel Green and Thomas Morris, for the pardon or respite for one or two weeks of Patrick Waugh, under sentence of death for murder, was read, and on motion of Colonel Miles, seconded by Doctor Gregg, it was

Resolved, To respite the said Patrick Waugh to Saturday the twentieth of November next.

Cornplanter and five other Indian Chiefs were introduced to Council, the President informed them the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania was happy to see them, and ready to hear what they have to say.

Cornplanter:—Brothers, we were very happy when we received the answer to our letter sent to the Quaker State; we are very happy to see you. We could not come at the time appointed, it was two soon afterwards, when we were coming we heard of the murder of two of our people, I was obliged to satisfy my people. After I had satisfied my people, I received a message from the Shawnese and other nations that I should not come till we had a Council with them. When the fire was kindled with the Shawnese they brought a Virginia scalp and insisting on our seizing the scalp, or they would treat us the same as the Big Knife; we told them the Council was for peace not for war, I sent to all the tribes to be at peace with the thirteen fires.

Brothers:—I am much fatigued, I want to get a friend to write my speech, as no interpreter can do it as well as if it was wrote. I will be ready on Tuesday morning.

President:—The Council have given orders to the Secretary to supply you with what is immediately necessary.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 25th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Lord Butler, and	
Zebulun Potts,	James Martin,	

Returns of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners in the counties of Dauphine and Bedford, were received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

For the county of Dauphine, James Clunie and David Krauze, Sheriffs, and Michael Rahm and Peter Miller, Coroners; and

For the county of Bedford, Thomas McGaughey and James Black, Sheriffs, and Thomas Vickry and Phœlix Mellen, Coroners. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That James Clunie be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Michael Rahm, Coroner, for the county of Dauphine; and Thomas McGaughey, Sheriff, and Thomas Vickry, Coroner, of the county of Bedford.

In conformity with the act of Assembly passed the fifth day of March last, entituled "An Act relating to the sureties to be given by Sheriffs and Coroners," James Clunie and Thomas McGaughey, Esquires, appeared before Council, and severally entered into recognizances for the faithfull performance of their respective offices according to law in the following sums, vizt: James Clunie, Esquire, Sheriff of Dauphine county, fifteen hundred pounds, and Thomas McGaughey, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Bedford, one thousand pounds; and the following gentlemen were offered and accepted as sureties, vizt: for James Clunie, Esquire, Vallentine Hummell and Robert Clark, and for Thomas McGaughey, Esquire, James Patterson and Joseph Morrison.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 26th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles, James Martin, Lord Butler, Zebulun Potts, Amos Gregg, and Richard Willing, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Ph. Charles Biddle, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Cornplanter and five Indian Chiefs of the Seneca Nation, who are now in this city, for which sum the Secretary is to account.

In favor of the Honorable Zebulun Potts, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-five pounds sixteen shillings, being in full for his attendance in Council from the twentieth of April untill the twenty-sixth of October, 1790, deducting seven days' absence, and for mileage once coming to Philadelphia and going home.

William Graham and Elijah Price were offered and accepted as sureties for Caleb Bennett, who was on the twenty-first instant appointed Coroner of the county of Delaware.

A letter from the Cornplanter, in excuse for his not meeting Council this morning according to appointment, and requesting further time to prepare the statement he wishes to make to Council, was read

Two patents were directed to issue to Colonel George Morgan for four city lots, numbered in the general plan of city 1769, 1770, 1776 and 1777, which were purchased from the Commonwealth at a public auction or vendue held on the thirtieth of May, 1782, for the sum of seven hundred and thirty pounds, by Doctor John Morgan, who by his deed dated the twentieth of December, 1784, conveyed the same lots to the said Colonel George Morgan, who on the twenty-second instant paid into the Treasurer the ballance of the said purchase money.

Mr. Butler informed Council that Jesse Fell, Esquire, the Sheriff elect of Luzerne county, has not appeared, not knowing that the act of Assembly of the fifth of March last required his attendance in Philadelphia to enter into recognizance, and moved that a commission be issued to Colonel Timothy Pickering and Nathan Dennison, Esquires, to take his recognizance and bond; whereupon it was

Resolved, That a commission be issued to the said Timothy Pickering and Nathan Dennison, authorizing them to take from the Sheriff and Coroner of the county of Luzerne the several recognizances and bonds required of them by the said act of Assembly; and that the said Commissioners make a report to Council of their proceedings in the premises.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 27th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	James Martin, and	
Zebulon Potts,	Lord Butler,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-nine pounds, in full for his attendance in Council, from the twentieth of August until the eleventh of November, 1790, inclusively.

On motion, Joseph Lorentz was appointed Coroner of the county of Northumberland, and George Graff, Coroner of the county of Lancaster.

James Clunie, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Dauphine, attended and requested Council to issue a commission authorizing

John Kean and John Dentzell, Esquires, to take the recognizance and a bond with sureties, which the act of Assembly of the fifth of March last requires, from Michael Rahm, the Coroner of that county, who has not appeared before Council to enter into the same; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That a commission be issued to John Kean and John Dentzell, Esquires, authorizing them to take from the said Coroner the recognizance and bond aforesaid, and that the said Commissioners make a report to Council of their proceedings in the premises.

Colonel Robert Clark and Jacob Rahm were offered and accepted as sureties for Michael Rahm, the Coroner of the county of Dauphine.

Upon the second reading of a petition from Thomas Wigton of Luzerne county, who was convicted of assault and battery, and imprisoning Job Whitcomb and Thomas Coleman contrary to law, and fined by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, in the sum of five pounds, praying remission of the said fine, and the petitioner being well recommended to Council for the said remission, it was

Resolved, To remit the said fine of five pounds.

A petition from William Dean, Esquire, and others, complaining of irregular proceedings at the last election of Sheriffs in Montgomery county, was read and referred to Messrs. Gregg, Butler, Martin, Miles and Willing.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 28th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble Samuel Miles, James Martin, Zebulun Potts, Amos Gregg, and Richard Willing, Nathaniel Breading, } Esquires.

The reports of the Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of John Chaloner, Esquire, Auctioneer of the Northern Liberties, for the State duty upon sales at auction, from the eighteenth of April, untill the fifth day of July, 1790, amounting to one hundred and seventeen pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence and three farthings.

Of John Craybill, for the time of his servant Michael Dugan, who was inlisted into the Continental army in May, 1776, amounting to thirty pounds, not allowed by the Comptroller General and Register General.

Of Frederick Hillback, for twenty-two breakfasts furnished to a part of the Cumberland county militia, on the twenty-fourth of December, 1776, while on their march to Camp, amounting to sixteen shillings and six pence.

The committee on the petition from William Dean and others, relative to the return of Sheriff in Montgomery county, agreed to meet this day.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 29th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
Zebulun Potts,	Lord Butler, and	
Richard Willing,	Nathaniel Breading,	
James Martin,		

The committee on the complaint of William Dean and Christian Dull, respecting the election of Sheriffs for the county of Montgomery, requesting that John Richards, Henry Sheetz and John Pugh, Esquires, in whose hands the boxes containing the talley lists and votes are, be supœnaed to attend Council on Tuesday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in the Council, with the boxes containing the papers aforesaid.

The Cornplanter and the five Indians who accompanied him attended, and made to Council the following representation:

The Fathers of the Quaker State, Obeale or Cornplanter, returns thanks to God for the pleasure he has in meeting you this day with six of his people.

FATHERS:—Six years ago I had the pleasure of making peace with you, and at that time a hole was dug in the earth, and all contentions between my nation and you ceased and were buried there.

At a treaty then held at Fort Stanwix between the six nations of Indians and the Thirteen Fires, three friends from the Quaker State came to me and treated with me for the purchase of a large tract of land upon the Northern boundary of Pennsylvania, extending from Tioga to Lake Erie for the use of their warriors. I agreed to the sale of the same, and I sold it to them for four thousand dollars. I begged of them to take pity on my nation and not buy it forever. They said they would purchase it forever, but that they would give me further one thousand dollars in goods when the leaves were ready to fall, and when I found that they were determined to have it, I agreed that they should have it. I then requested, as they

were determined to have the land to permit my people to have the game and hunt upon the same, which request they complied with, and promised me to have it put upon record, that I and my people should have that priviledge.

Fathers:—The six nations then requested that another talk might be held with the Thirteen Fires, which was agreed to, and a talk was afterwards held between them at Muskingum. Myself with three of my chiefs attended punctually, and were much fatigued in endeavoring to procure the attendance of the other nations, but none of them came to the Council Fire except the Delawares and the Wyandots.

Futhers:—At the same treaty the Thirteen Fires asked me on which side I would die, whether on their side, or the side of those nations who did not attend the Council Fire. I replied, listen to me fathers of the Thirteen Fires, I hope you will consider how kind your fathers were treated by our fathers, the six nations, when they first came into this country, since which time you have become strong, insomuch, that I now call you fathers.

In former days when you were young and weak I used to call you brother, but now I call you father. Father, I hope you will take pity on your children, for now I inform you that I'll die on your side. Now father I hope you will make my bed strong.

Fathers of the Quaker State:—I speak but little now, but will speak more when the Thirteen Fires meet, I will only inform you further, that when I had finished my talk with the Thirteen Fires, General Gibson, who was sent by the Quaker State, came to the fire, and said that the Quaker State had bought of the Thirteen Fires a tract of land extending from the Northern boundary of Pennsylvania at Connewango river to Buffaloe creek on Lake Erie, and thence along the said Lake to the Northern boundary of Pennsylvania aforesaid. Hearing this I run to my father, and said to him father have you sold this land to the Quaker State, and he said he did not know, it might have been done since he came there. I then disputed with Gibson and Butler, who was with him about the same, and told them I would be satisfied if the line was run from Conewango river thro' Chatochque Lake to Lake Erie, for Gibson and Butler had told me that the Quaker State had purchased the land from the Thirteen Fires, but that notwithstanding the Quaker State had given to me one one thousand dollars in fine prime goods which were ready for me and my people at Fort Pitt, we then agreed that the line should be run from Conewango river thro' Chatochque Lake into Lake Erie, and that one-half of the fish in Chatochque Lake should be mine and one-half theirs. They then said as the Quaker State had purchased the whole from the Thirteen Fires, that the Thirteen Fires must pay back to the Quaker State the value of the remaining land. When I heard this my mind was at ease, and I was satisfied. I then proposed to give a half mile square of land upon the line so agreed upon to a Mr. Hartzhorn who was

an Ensign in Generals Harmar's army out to a Mr. Britt a cadet who acted as a clerk upon the occasion, and who I well know by the name of Half-Town, for the purpose of their settling there to prevent any mischief being committed in future upon my people's lands, and I hoped that the Quaker State would in addition thereto give them another half mile square on their side of the line so agreed upon for the same purpose, expecting thereby that the line so agreed upon would be known with sufficient certainty, and that no disputes would thereafter arise between my people and the Quaker State concerning it. I then went to my father of the Thirteen Fires and told him I was satisfied, and the coals being covered up I said to my children you must take your course right thro' the woods to Fort Pitt. When I was leaving Muskingum my own son who remained a little while behind to warm himself at the fire was robbed of a rifle by one of the white men, who, I believe, to have been a Yankee. Myself with Mr. Joseph Nicholson and a Mr. Morgan then travelled three days together thro' the wilderness, but the weather being very severe they were obliged to separate from me, and I sent some of my own people along with Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Morgan as guides to conduct them on to Wheelen. After I had separated from Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Morgan, I had under my charge one hundred and seventy persons of my own nation consisting of men, women and children to conduct thro' the wilderness through heaps of briars, and having lost our way, we, with great difficulty reached Wheelen. When arrived there being out of provision I requested of a Mr. Zanes to furnish me and my people with beacon and flour to the amount of seventeen dollars, to be paid for out of the goods belonging to me and my people at Fort Pitte. Having obtained my request, I proceeded on my journey for Pittsburg, and about ten miles from Wheelen my party were fired upon by three white people, and one of my people in the rear of my party received two shot thro' his blanket.

Fathers:—It was a constant practice with me throughout the whole journey to take great care of my People, and not suffer them to commit any outrages or drink more than what their necessities required. During the whole of my journey only one accident happened which was owing to the kindness of the people of the town called Catfish, in the Quaker State, who, while I was talking with the head men of the town, gave to my People more liquor than was proper, and some of them got drunk, which obliged me to continue there with my People all night, and in the night my People were robbed of three rifles and one shot gun; and though every endeavour was used by the head men of the town upon complaint made to them to discover the perpetrators of the robery, they could not be found; and on my People's complaining to me I told them it was their own faults by getting drunk.

Fathers:—Upon my arrival at Fort Pitt I saw the goods which I had been informed of at Muskingum, and one hundred of the

blankets were all moth eaton and good fornot'g. I was advised not to take the blankets, but the blankets which I and my People then had being all torn by the briars in our passage thro' the wilderness, we were under the necessity of taking them to keep ourselves warm; and what most surprised me, was that after I had received the goods they extinguished the fire and swept away the ashes, and having no interpreter there I would talk with no one upon the subject.—Feeling myself much hurt upon the occasion, I wrote a letter to you Fathers of the Quaker State, complaining of the injury, but never received any answer. Having waited a considerable time, and having heard that my letter got lost, I wrote a second time to you Fathers of the Quaker State and then I received an answer.

I am very thankfull to have received this answer, and as the answer intreated me to come and speak for myself, I thank God that I have this opportunity, I therefore, speak to you as follows. I hope that you, Fathers of the Quaker State, will fix some person at Fort Pitt to take care of me and my People. I wish, and it is the wish of my People if agreeable to you that my present interpreter Joseph Nicholson, may be the person, as I and my People have a confidence in him, and are satisfied that he will always exert himself to preserve peace and harmony between you and us. My reasons for wishing an interpreter to be placed there, are that often times when my hunters and People come there, their canoes and other things are stolen, and they can obtain no redress, not having any person there on whom they can rely to interpret for them and see justice done to them.

Fathers of the Quaker State:—About a year ago a young man one of my Tribe who lived among the Shawanese, was one of a party who had committed some outrages and stolen a quantity of skins the property of David Duncan, being at Fort Pitt, was seized by the White People there who would have put him into confinement and perhaps to death had not some of the Chiefs of the Seneca Nation, interfered and bound themselves to the said David Duncan, who insisted upon satisfaction, for payment of the sum of five hundred and thirty dollars for the said skins so stolen, upon which the young man aforesaid was released an I delivered up to them.

Fathers of the Quaker State:—I wish now to acquaint you with what happened to one of my people about four years ago, four miles above Fort Pitt: A young man who was married to my wife's sister, when he was hunting, was murdered by a white man. There were three reasons for his being killed: In the first place he had a very fine riding horse; secondly, he was very richly drest, and had about him a good deal of silver; and thirdly, he had with him a very fine rifle. The white man invited him to his house, to light from his horse, and as he was getting off his horse, his head being rather down, the white man struck him with a tomahawk on the head and killed him, and having plundered him dragged him into the river. Upon the discovery of the murder, my people, with Mr.

Nicholson and Mr. Duncan, had a great deal of trouble, and took a great deal of pains to find out the person who had committed the murder, and after three days' searching, they discovered him.

Fathers of the Quaker State:—About five years ago, one of my Cheifs, named Half Town, was sent to Fort Pitt to deliver up into your hands your own flesh and blood who were taken in the war, and before he returned two horses were stolen from him by the white people. Now, Fathers, I will inform you of another accident which happened to my people last winter, fifteen miles below Fort Pitt. My nephew, with a hunting party, being there, was shot thro' the head in Mr. Nicholson's camp, the particulars of which Mr. Nicholson, who is here present can inform you of.

Well, Fathers, I beg of you once more not to let such bad people be 'longside of me. And, Fathers, you must not think I or any of my people are bad or wish evil to you or yours, nor must you blame us for mischiefs that have been committed by the other nations. Fathers, consider me and my people, and the many injuries we have sustained by the repeated robberies, and in the murders & depredations committed by the whites against us.

It is my wish and the wishes of my people to live peaceably and quietly with you and yours, but the losses we have sustained require some compensation. I have, with the consent of my people, agreed to receive from you eight hundred and thirty dollars, as a satisfaction for all losses and injuries I and my people have sustained, and this being paid me by you, to enable me to satisfy such of my people as have sustained those losses and suffered those injuries, we shall, I hope, in future live peaceable together, and bury in the earth all ill will and enmity to each other.

Fathers of the Quaker State:—I have now had the pleasure to meet you with six of my people. We have come a great way, by your desire, to talk with you and to shew to you the many injuries my nation has sustained. It now remains with you to do with me and my people what you please, on account of the present trouble which I and my people have taken for your satisfaction, and in compliance with your request

Fathers, having come this great way at your request, and as it is necessary for some of us to remain here to talk with the Thirteen Fires when they meet, I have concluded to send back four of my people, and to remain here myself with Half Town and my interpreter, Mr. Nicholson, untill that time, which I hope you will approve of. But should you not approve of it, I must be under the necessity of returning with the whole of my people, which will be attended with a considerable expence.

Fathers of the Quaker State:—You have now got the most of our lands, and have taken the game upon the same. We have only the privilege of hunting and fishing thereon. I, therefore, would make this further request, that a store may be established at Fort Pitt for the accommodation of my people and the other nations when they go out to hunt; and where they may purchase goods at

a reasonable price. For, believe me, Fathers, you yourselves would be frightened were you to know the extravagent prices we are obliged to pay for the goods we purchase.

There is a man (Esquire Wilkie,) in Pittsburg, who has taken a great deal of pains to serve my people, and has pitied them; my people, when there, are very kindly treated by him, and give him a great deal of trouble, but he thinks nothing of it; he is the man my people wish should have the charge of the store.

Fathers of the Quaker State:—I have heard that you have been pleased to present to me a tract of land, but as yet I have seen no writings for the same; well, Fathers, if it is true that you have given me this tract of land, I can only thank you for the same, but I hope you will also give me tools and materials for working the same.

Fathers of the Quaker State:—Five years ago, when I used to be with my present interpreter Joseph Nicholson, he took care of me and my people. Considering his services and the difficulties he underwent in his journey from Muskingum to Fort Pitt, the Six Nations wished to have him seated upon a tract of land of six miles square, lying in the Forks of Allegany river, and Broken Straw creek, and accordingly patented the same to him, this being the place where a battle was fought between my people and yours, and where about thirty of my people were beaten by him and twenty-five of your people, and where he was shot thro' the thigh. Now, Fathers, it is my wish, and I tell you it is the wish of the whole six nations, in behalf of whom and myself, I request that you would grant and confirm to our brother and friend, the before named Joseph Nicholson, the aforesaid tract of land, as described in our patent or grant to him.

This, Fathers, is all I have to say to the Quaker State, and I hope you will consider well all I have mentioned.

Philadelphia, October.

his
CORNPLANTER, ⋊
mark.

his
HALF ⋊ TOWN,
mark.

his
BIG ⋊ TREE,
mark.

his
JAMES ⋊ HUTCHINS.
mark.

his
SENECA ⋊ BILLY,
mark.

his
JOHN ⋊ DECKART,
mark.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 30th, 1790.

PRESENT :

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Mr. Samuel Miles, Lord Butler,
Zebulun Potts, Nathaniel Breading, and
Richard Willing, Amos Gregg,
James Martin, } Esquires.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the accounts of George Wall, Esquire, Agent for the sale of Confiscated Estates in Bucks county, for his commissions and the expences attending the sale of a tract of sixteen acres of land in Bensalem township, in the said county, forfeited by the attainder of Samuel Biles of high treason, which was read approved in Council on the thirtieth day of June last, was this day laid before the Board ; and thereupon, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer for the sum of nine pounds eight shillings and one penny, in favor of the said George Wall, being due to him for the expences aforesaid.

And a certificate for the sum of £2 17 2, was directed to issue to Mr. Wall for his commission upon the said sale.

A draft of a letter to the Cornplanter and the five Indians who accompanied him, in answer to the representation which they made to Council yesterday, was laid before the Board, read and adopted as follows, vizt :

In Council, Philadelphia, October 30th, 1790.

BROTHERS :—Council have seriously considered the several matters which you laid before them yesterday morning, and assure you that it is their sincere desire to have all your complaints examined into and satisfactorily and speedily removed.

But the change which has been made in the government of the State, puts it out of the power of this Council to give special answers to the most material parts of your speech.

On the first Tuesday of next December, the Legislature of Pennsylvania will meet under the new form of Government, and on the twenty-fourth of the same month the new Governor will commence his administration.

When those events take place, your speech, together with such further representation of a public nature, which you may think proper to make to us, shall be faithfully communicated to the new Government for their consideration and decision.

There are, however, two points on which we may with propriety now decide.

The first, the grant to the Cornplanter of one thousand five hundred acres of land by the General Assembly, on the twenty-fourth day of March, 1789.

We would long ago have ordered the survey of the land for the Cornplanter, but being willing to gratify him in his choice of a tract, we instructed General Butler to consult with him on that subject, and have waited to this time for his determination.

If he will inform us in what part of the unlocated lands of the State he wishes his survey to be made, we will order the Surveyor General to have the tract laid out without further delay.

The second point on which we shall decide, is the Cornplanter's request, that Half Town and Mr. Nicholson may remain with him in Philadelphia untill the meeting of the Legislature of the United States, or untill the President shall arrive here.

We cheerfully comply with that request, and approved of his sending back the other Chiefs and Warriors.

And in order to make the residence of the Cornplanter, Half Town and Mr. Nicholson in Philadelphia, as convenient and agreeably as possible, Council will instruct their Secretary to provide suitable lodgings for them in a private family.

Chiefs and Warriors who are to return to the Seneca Nation.—

We desire you to inform the Seneca Nation that the Government of Pennsylvania entertain sentiments of the most sincere friendship for them, and are anxious to prevent injuries being done by its citizens to their persons and property.

But as evil disposed men exist in every society, and as violence may sometimes be committed by such men upon the persons and property of the Indians, the Government will think it their duty upon complaint being made of such violence having been commited, to endeavour to have the offenders apprehended and brought to Justice.

In the instance of the Walkers and Doyle, this Council has done everything in their power to have them secured and brought to tryal, they have succeeded only with respect to Doyle, but will continue their exertions for the securing of the Walkers.

Doyle will be conveyed next week to Sunbury under a strong gaurd, to stand his trial; should he be convicted, there is little doubt of his being capitally punished.

We wish you may arrive at your own homes in good health, and find your families in the possession of the same blessings.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 1st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Richard Willing, Nathaniel Breading, and
James Martin, Amos Gregg, } Esquires.
Lord Butler,

A return of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners in the county of Cumberland, was received and read, by which it appears that following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt.—Thomas Buckhanan and John Walkers, Sheriffs, and Henry Quigley and James Lamberton, Coroners; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That Thomas Buckhanan be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Henry Quigley, Coroner, of the said county.

It being represented to Council that Thomas Buckhanan, Sheriff of the county of Cumberland, and Henry Quigley, Coroner of the said county, are prevented from attending in Philadelphia at this time, to enter into recognizance, and give bonds with sureties as the act of Assembly of the fifth day of March last directs; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That John Montgomery and Alexander McGuichen, Esquires, be appointed Commissioners to take from the said Sheriff and Coroners the recognizances and bonds which the act of Assembly aforesaid requires, and that the said Commissioners make a report to Council of their proceedings in the premises.

William McFarland and James McGlaughlin, of the county of Cumberland, were offered and accepted as sureties for the said Thomas Buckhanan's faithful performance of the office of Sheriff of the said county, according to law.

Mr. Breading was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the present month.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider for the sum of fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for one month's wages as Door-keeper to Council, ending the thirty-first of last month.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 2nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Richard Willing, Lord Butler,
James Martin, Nathaniel Breading, and } Esquires.
Amos Gregg, Samuel Miles,

A petition from William Alexander was read, with a certificate from the Receiver General of the Land Office, that the lots, number 23 & 24 and fifty-seven, in the said William Alexander's district of depreciation lands, were, on the first day of March, 1786, sold to Jacob Berry and Alexander Grant, who have not paid either purchase money or office fees; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the said lots be considered as reverted to the Commonwealth, the purchasors not having complied with the terms of the law.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 3rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire. President.

Amos Gregg, Lord Butler, and
Richard Willing, James Martin, } Esquires.
Nathaniel Breading,

A letter from the Cornplanter, (by Colonel Proctor,) in behalf of himself and the Indians who were with him, requesting a loan of one hundred and ninety dollars on account, to procure supplies for their families, was read; whereupon, it was agreed that the following answer be given to the said request of the Cornplanter:

IN COUNCIL, Philadelphia, November 3rd, 1790.

BROTHERS:—Council have considered the requests made by Cornplanter, that one hundred and ninety dollars should be advanced to him and to the Chiefs and warriors who have accompanied him to Philadelphia, to procure supplies of cloathing and other necessaries for their families.

However desirous Council may be of complying with every reasonable desire of the Cornplanter, we conceive that it is not in our power, for reasons stated to him in our answer to his speech of the thirteenth day of October last, to comply with his present request.

At the same time, we declare it our determination to allow to him and to his companions every thing which can be considered as essential to their comfortable residence in the city, and to their safe and happy return to their families.

But whatever relates to any demand of the Cornplanter against the State, or to an advance of money on account, must be deferred untill the meeting of the Legislature in December next.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 4th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Amos Gregg, Lord Butler, and
Richard Willing, James Martin, } Esquires.
Nathaniel Breading,

Upon application of Joseph Nicholson, Interpreter to the Cornplanter and his companions, now in this city, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the sum of fifteen pounds towards defraying the expences which has been incurred in conducting the Indians to this city; for which sum he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 5th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Amos Gregg, Lord Butler,
Samuel Miles, James Martin, and } Esquires.
Richard Willing, Zebulun Potts,
Nathaniel Breading,

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports of the fourth and fifth instant, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, for seven pounds eight shillings and nine pence, being the amount of principal and interest due to him for money lent to the State for recruiting the Pennsylvania line of the late Continental army in the year 1780.

In favor of William Banks, for the sum of forty five pounds nine shillings and one penny, being the amount of his account for

one quarter's salary due to him this day as Clerk in the Register General's office.

A certificate from Doctor Jones that he had visited the Indian Chief, Great Tree, who received a wound in his leg, and that it is not proper that he should at this time be suffered to proceed on his journey to the Seneca Nation, was read.

A petition from Jesse Wilson, who was convicted in September, 1787, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held in the county of Philadelphia, of uttering a false forged certificate knowing the same to be such, and who made his escape from prison in the year 1788, stating that he is now returned to the custody of the Sheriff of the said county, and praying that Council would be pleased to grant him a pardon, was read, with a certificate from the Commissioners of the county of his being paid to them the costs of prosecution, and a recommendation from them and the late Inspectors of the jail of the petitioner as a proper object of mercy; it was thereupon resolved to pardon the petitioner, and a pardon under the great seal was accordingly issued.

Upon further consideration of the petition of John Cain, who was convicted of larceny, and is recommended to Council by the Inspectors of the jail for a pardon, it was

Resolved, That the said John Cain be and he is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 6th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	James Martin, and	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	

In conformity with the act of Assembly passed the fifth day of March last, entituled An Act relating to the securities to be given by Sheriffs and Coroners, Caleb Bennett, who was on the twenty-first of October last appointed Coroner of the county of Delaware, appeared before Council and entered into recognizance in the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds, for the faithfull performance of his said office of Coroner according to law. A bond filled up with the names of William Graham and Elisha Price, who were on the twenty-six of October last accepted as his sureties, was then delivered to him to be executed.

On application of Timothy Matlack, Esquire, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the sum of ten pounds, payable out of the six hundred pounds which was appropriated by a reso-

lution of the General Assembly passed the thirty-first of March, 1790, for exploring the head waters of the Susquehanna, Delaware, Lehigh and Schuylkill, and the western waters within this State, and to be charged to the fund provided by an act of the General Assembly passed the twenty-eight of September, 1789, for claims and improvements; the said sum being advanced to the said Timothy Matlack in part of his pay as one of the Commissioners for exploring the said western waters, for which sum he is to account.

Cornplanter and Half Town, with their interpreter Joseph Nicholson, attended, and requested (in writing) that, on account of the wound received by the Great Tree, the Chiefs and Warriors who were to have returned to the Indian country, may be permitted to stay in this city until the arrival of the President of the United States; whereupon, it was agreed to comply with the said request.

Upon application of Colonel Franks, it was

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to the said Colonel Franks, for the use of the French emigrants who are going to Sciota four tents, the property of the State, he the said Colonel Franks engaging to have the like number of tents made and placed in the State store in a few days.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 8th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Lord Butler,	Samuel Miles,	
James Martin,		

Cornplanter and Half Town, Seneca Chiefs, attended, and some difficulties occurring to the placing of them and their companions in private houses, it was agreed that they remain at William Hassel's untill the arrival of the President of the United States in this city.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 9th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Amos Gregg, James Martin,
Zebulun Potts, Lord Butler, and
Richard Willing, Nathaniel Breading,
Samuel Miles, } Esquires.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of John Thome, Esquire, Treasurer of the county of Dauphine, containing a statement of the public taxes collected in the said county from January, 1786, until September, 1789, with the outstanding taxes, and the sums paid into the Treasury during that time, was read and approved.

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of William Alexander for the sum of ten pounds ten shillings, payable according to an act of Assembly passed the third day of March last, out of the fund appropriated for claims and improvements by an act entituled An Act to appropriate divers funds accruing and growing due to this Commonwealth towards the expences of government, and to provide a fund for other purposes, so as not to interfere with the appropriation of part of the said fund made and directed by an act entituled "An Act to appropriate the sum of five thousand pounds annually for the purpose therein mentioned, &ea.," being the amount of his account for surveying the lots numbered 23, 24 and 57, in his district of depreciation lands No. 3.

Upon the second reading of the return of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners for the county of Washington, it was

Resolved, That William Wallace, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Sheriff of the county of Washington, and Samuel Clarke Coroner of the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 10th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles, Nathaniel Breading,
Richard Willing, Zebulun Potts, and
Lord Butler, Amos Gregg,
James Martin, } Esquires.

Agreeably to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of William Gossline, for the sum of thirteen pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence, being the amount of his account for repairs done to the Register General's office in the east wing of the State House, and for materials furnished by him for such repairs.

In favor of James Muir, for the sum of four pounds nineteen shillings and four, being the amount of his account for binding, lettering and ruling several books for the use of Council, between the ninth of January, 1788, and the twenty-third of January, 1790.

In favor of John Campbell, for the sum of eight pounds five shillings and four pence, being the amount of principal and interest due to him for money lent to the State on the seventeenth of January, 1781, to recruit the Pennsylvania line of the late Continental army.

In favor of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of twelve pounds eight shillings, being the amount of his account for principal and interest due to him for money lent to the State on the fifteenth of September, 1780, to recruit the said Pennsylvania line.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of James Scott and David Eddy, for two rifle guns, shot-pouches, &ca., which were lost in actual service in the Militia called out for the defence of Bedford county against the Indians, in August, 1782, amounting to eight pounds five shillings.

Of Jacob Gentz, for thirty eight days service in the Militia of Northampton county, in August and September, 1782, while employed in the defence of the frontiers of the said county, amounting to six pounds thirteen shillings.

Andrew Swearinger and Gabriel Blakely were offered & accepted as sureties for Thomas Stockley, Esquire, who was on the fourth day of September last, re-appointed Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration, and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the county of Washington.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 11th, 1790

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
Lord Butler,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Martin,	Amos Gregg,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Robert Martin, Esquire, late Treasurer of the county of Northumberland, for monies received by him for taxes, in Continental money, from the thirteenth of February until the twentieth of October, 1778, amounting to one thousand four hundred and sixty-six pounds nine shillings and four pence.

Of Messieurs Dunlap and Claypoole, for six copies of the Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser, furnished by them to the General Assembly, from October the first, 1789, until the first of October, 1790, and for publishing in the said Packet the bill entituled "An act relating to the sales of lands therein mentioned," amounting to twenty-one pounds four shillings and three pence, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 12th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
Lord Butler,	Zebulon Potts,	
James Martin,	Amos Gregg,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Lord Butler, Esquire, for the sum of eighteen pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the twenty-third of October until the twelfth of November, 1790, inclusively, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia in October last.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of John Donaldson, Esquire, for his expences in going to and returning from Easton by permission of Council, amounting to nine pounds and seven pence, and for cash paid by him to David Evans and Joseph Skerritt, for repairs in the Register General's office, amounting to three pounds fourteen shillings and three pence, were read and approved, and orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the said sums.

Abraham Smith and James Maxfield, Esquires, were offered and accepted and sureties for George Clarke, who was on the twenty-second of October last, appointed Coroner of the county of Franklin; and a commission to Abraham Smith and Edward Crawford, Junior, Esquires, was issued authorizing them to take from the said Coroner the recognizance and bond required of him by the Act of General Assembly passed the fifth of March last, entituled "An Act relating to the securities to be given by Sheriffs and Coroners."

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to write to the Treasurer of the State, the Surveyor General, Receiver General and Secretary of the Land Office, the Register and Comptroller General of the accounts of this State, the Recorder of Deeds, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Philadelphia, the Sheriff of the said county, the Health Officer, Auctioneers, Inspectors of Flour, of lumber, and of beef and pork, the Measures of Wheat, &ca., and salt, to know the present State of their several departments, and to inform Council if any obstructions or inconveniences occur, and whether any improvements may be made therein; and that the Comptroller General be directed to inform the Board of the progress he has made in preparing for settlement the accounts of this State with the United States.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 15th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

Amos Gregg, Nathaniel Breading, Richard Willing, Zebulun Potts, and Lord Butler, Henry Taylor, James Martin, } Esquires.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Martin, Esquire, for forty-eight pounds ten shillings and six pence, being the amount of his account for attendance in Council from the nineteenth of September, to the fifteenth of November, 1790, inclusively, and his mileage going home in July last.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 16th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Amos Gregg, Nathaniel Breading, Richard Willing, Lord Butler, and James Martin, Zebulun Potts, Henry Taylor, } Esquires.

A letter from David Espy, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Bedford, informing Council that James Patterson, who was on

the twenty-fifth of October last, approved and accepted as one of the sureties of Thomas McGaughey, Sheriff of the said county, is since deceased, and that the name of Jacob Studdybaker, as man of considerable property in Bedford county, has been inserted in the Sheriff's bond in the room of James Patterson, was received and read, and Colonel Martin having also informed the Board that Mr. Studdybaker is sufficient; it was

Resolved, To accept the said Jacob Studdybaker as one of the sureties for the said Thomas McGaughey.

A petition from Jacob Greenawalt, of the county of Berks, being read the second time, with a recommendation of him to Council from four Justices of the Peace of the said county for remission of the fine of five pounds to the Commonwealth and the punishment at hard labour for one year, to which he has been sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, of larceny; it was thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine and punishment at hard labour be remitted.

Petitions from John Rock, John Brownlow Knox, and George Row, prisoners in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, who have been convicted of larceny, were read, and it being certified to Council by the jailor that their times of servitude are expired, that they have been of good behaviour during their confinement, and only remain in custody for the fines due to the Commonwealth; it was thereupon,

Resolved, That the several fines adjudged to be paid by the said John Rock, John Brownlow Knox and George Row, to the use of the Commonwealth, be and the same are hereby remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 17th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
Lord Butler,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Martin,	Samuel Miles, and	
Henry Taylor,	Mr. William Findley,	

The returns of the General Election of Sheriffs and Coroners in the county of Fayette, being read the second time; it was

On motion of Mr. Breading,

Resolved, That Joseph Huston be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Henry Beeson, Coroner of the said county of Fayette.

In conformity with the act of General Assembly passed the fifth day of March last, entitled "An Act relating to the securities to be given by Sheriffs and Coroners," Joseph Huston appeared before Council and entered in a recognizance in the sum of one thousand pounds for the faithfull performance of his office of Sheriff of the county of Fayette, according to law, and he offered as his sureties William Houston and William Moreland, who were accepted as such.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for the consideration of the case of Patrick Waugh now under sentence of death for the murdar of his wife.

Upon the second reading of a petition from David McCulloch of the city of Philadelphia, mariner, stating that he is about to embark for the State of Georgia, in order to obtain payment of a sum of money due to him by that State, and praying that Council would be pleased to direct the Collector of the customs to stay any prosecution that may be against him for the recovery of a debt of one hundred and eight pounds fifteen shillings and five pence, which is due by him to this Commonwealth for duties upon merchandize untill his return, when he will be able to discharge the same, and Mr. Breading and Mr Potts a Committee of Council having reported that upon a Conferrence with Colonel Delany, they are of opinion it will be proper to allow the petitioner six months; it was

Resolved, That Sharp Delany, Esquire, Collector of the customs, be directed to stay any further proceedings against the petitioner for the recovery of the said debt of one hundred and eight pounds fifteen shillings and five pence, until the expiration of six months from this date.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 18th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	Esquires.
Lord Butler,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Martin,	Amos Gregg, and	
Nathaniel Breading,	William Findley,	

A letter from the Reverend Ashbell Green recommendatory of Patrick Waugh, was received and read.

On motion,

Resolved, That the consideration of the case of Patrick Waugh be postponed until to-morrow.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Bernard Daugherty, Esquire, as late Treasurer of the county of Bedford, for taxes received by him in the years 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, 1783 and 1785, by which it appears that the ballances of two thousand eight hundred and eighty-three pounds sixteen shillings and four pence in Continental money, and thirty-one pounds nine shillings and nine pence specie, are due to the said David Daugherty, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 19th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Henry Taylor,	Esquires.
Lord Butler,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Martin,	Amos Gregg, and	
Nathaniel Breading,	William Finley,	

Upon the petition of Adam Kennemaker, and a recommendation from Samuel Turbett, Esquire, Collector of Excise in the county of Lancaster, and from a number of respectable inhabitants of the said county for remission of that part of the forfeiture of one hundred and nine gallons of wine, forty five gallons of spirits, and one hundred and twenty five gallons of rum, which belongs to the Commonwealth, lately seized by the said Collector for not entering the same according to law; it was

Resolved, To remit the State's share of the said forfeiture.

Agreeably to the minute of yesterday, Council resumed the consideration of the case of Patrick Waugh now under sentence of death for the murder of his wife, and Mr. Findley (who made enquiry concerning the prisoner, having understood that there were some circumstances to justify a further respite) now moved the board to respite Patrick Waugh until the eleventh of December next, which motion being seconded by Doctor Gregg; it was

Resolved, *unanimously*, That the said Patrick Waugh be respited untill Saturday the eleventh of December next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 22d, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Amos Gregg, Nathaniel Breading, Richard Willing, William Findley, and Henry Taylor, Lord Butler, James Martin, } Esquires.

A return of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners held in the county of Westmoreland, was received and read, by which it appears that James Guthrie and John Brandon were duly elected Sheriffs, and Robert Dickey and Robert Taylor Coroners; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That James Guthrie be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Robert Dickey Coroner of the said county of Westmoreland.

William Todd and John Baird, Esquires, were offered and accepted as sureties for James Hamilton, Esquire, who was on the fourth day of September last re-appointed Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Westmoreland.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 23rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Presid't.

Samuel Miles, Nathaniel Breading, Amos Gregg, William Findley, Richard Willing, John Wilkins, Henry Taylor, Lord Butler, and James Martin, Zebulun Potts, } Esquires.

In conformity with the act of General Assembly passed the fifth day of March last, entituled "An Act relating to the securities of Sheriffs and Coroners," Jacob Bennett, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Bucks, appeared before Council, and entered into a recognizance in the sum of two thousand pounds for the faithfull performance of the office of Sheriff of the said county, according to law, and he offered James Tate and William Bennet, of the said county, as his sureties, who were accepted as such.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of William Semple, Esquire, late Sub-Lieutenant of the city and Liberties of Philadelphia, for five hundred and eighty-

eight days employed in the duties of the said office, between the tenth of June, 1777, the time of his appointment, and the twentieth of December, 1779, the time of his resignation, amounting to sixty-three pounds one shilling and five pence, was read and approved, and an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Semple, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said city and Liberties.

A petition of James Pearson, stating, in behalf of Thomas Paul and others, a claim to a city lot in right of Thomas Harding, an original purchasor of land from William Penn, Esquire, which was received and read in Council on the ninth day of April, 1788, was this day read the second time, and an order taken that the said claim be referred to the Land Offices to report thereon to Council.

A petition from Samuel Coates, of the county of Delaware, who was convicted at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county of fornication, praying that Council would be pleased to remit the fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon him for the said offence, being read the second time, with a recommendation from a number of respectable inhabitants of the said county in his behalf, it was thereupon

Resolved, That the said fine of ten pounds be and the same is hereby remitted.

Upon application of Colonel Thomas Proctor for four quarter casks of gun powder and four yards of flannel, to be made up into catridges, and used upon the arrival of the President of the United States in this city, it was agreed that Colonel Proctor be authorized to purchase the said quantity of gun powder and four yards of flannel for the purpose aforesaid, he to be accountable.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 24th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire.

Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
James Martin,	Richard Willing,	
Henry Taylor,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Lord Butler,	John Wilkins,	
William Findley,		

The Treasurer and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Edward Crawford, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Franklin, for cash received by him for fees upon tavern and marriage licences from the time of his last settlement in April, until the sixteenth of October, 1790, amounting to eighty-four pounds six shillings, which sum he hath paid into the Treasury.

Of Francis Johnston, Esquire, Receiver General of the Land Office, for fees received in his office during the months of August, September and October, 1790, amounting to three hundred and sixty-one pounds fifteen shillings.

Of William Zoll, for militia services rendered by John Heins in the county of Berks in the year 1781, amounting to ten pounds seventeen shillings, for which sum he obtained an order from Henry Spyker, Pay-master, upon the Treasurer of Berks county; but no money being paid thereon, the said sum is now charged to the said Pay-master, and the order delivered up to be cancelled.

Of Lieutenant Daniel Stroud, for the residue of pay due to his company of Berks county, while employed in guarding prisoners of war in August and September, 1781, amounting to ninety-five pounds eighteen shillings.

Of Charles Biddle, Esquire, Secretary to Council, for fees received in the Secretary's Office from the twenty-third of April until the eighth day of September, 1790, amounting to two hundred and sixty-four pounds eleven shillings and two pence, by which account it appears that a ballance is due of thirty-eight pounds nineteen shillings and five pence is due to the Secretary.

Upon further consideration of the application and claim of Richard Peters, Esquire, to a city lot in right of Adrian Vroessen's purchase, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Findley, Mr. Gregg and Nathaniel Breading, be a committee to confer with Mr. Peters relative to the said claim.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Taylor be added to the Committee who were appointed to superintend the exchage of certificates, Doctor Wilkins, one of that Committee, being now absent.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 25th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	William Finley,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	
James Martin,	Zebulun Potts,	
Henry Taylor,	Richard Willing,	
Lord Butler,	John Wilkins,	

The Treasurer and Register General's reports upon the accounts of Charles Biddle, Esquire, for monies expended by him by direction of Council in the further improvement of the State House

yard, in paying wages to the watchman employed in guarding the public offices in and about the State House and the public Treasury, for expresses for sundry fire works exhibited on the fourth of July last, and on the arrival of Colonel McGillivray, and other Chiefs of the Creek Nation of Indians in this city, and for ringing the bells at the same time; also, for sundry expenses of the said Colonel McGillivray and his companions, amounting in the whole to the sum of two hundred and eighty-one pounds twelve shillings and one penny, was read and approved, by which account it appears that a ballance of twenty-eight pounds twelve shillings and one penny is due to the said Charles Biddle.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 26th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires
Amos Gregg,	William Findley,	
Henry Taylor,	Zebulun Potts,	
Nathaniel Breading,	Richard Willing, and	
Lord Butler,	John Wilkins,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the accounts of Joseph Redman, Esquire, Secretary to the late Convention, for cash paid for printing work done by order of the said Convention and for sundry other expences, amounting to eight hundred and thirty-three pounds eight shillings and seven pence, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 30th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	
Henry Taylor,	Zebulun Potts,	
Richard Taylor,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Richard Willing,	Benjamin Elliott,	
William Findley,	John Wilkins,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Lawrence, for the sum of thirty-six pounds fifteen shillings and three pence, being in full of his account for

one quarter's salary due to him on the twenty-fourth of November instant as Clerk in the Register General's office, according to the Comptroller and Register General's reports of the thirtieth instant.

In favor of Charles Biddle, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-eight pounds nineteen shillings and five, being a ballance due to him as Secretary to Council upon an account of fees received in the Secretary's office between the twenty-third of April and the eighth day of September, 1790, according to the Treasurer's and Register General's reports of the fifteenth and twenty-second instant.

In favor of the said Charles Biddle, for the sum of thirty-three pounds thirteen shillings, being a ballance due to him upon his account of monies expended by direction of Council in the further improvement of the State House yard, in paying wages to the watchmen employed in guarding the public offices in and about the State House and the Public Treasury; also for expresses, and for sundry expences of Colonel McGuillivray and other Chiefs of the Creek Nation of Indians while in this city; for sundry fire works, ringing the bells, &ea, according to the Treasurer and Register General's reports of the fifteenth and twenty-second instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 1st, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Henry Taylor,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Richard Willing,	Benjamin Elliott,	
William Findley,	John Wilkins,	
Lord Butler,		

Upon application of Reading Howell, Frederick Antes, and William Dean, Esquires, Commissioners appointed to explore the north east branch of Susquehanna and the head waters of the rivers Delaware, Lehigh and Schuylkiil, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in their favor for the sum of sixty-eight pounds, payable out of the six hundred pounds which was appropriated by a resolution of General Assembly of the thirty-first day of March last, and to be charged to the fund provided by an act of the General Assembly passed the twenty-eighth day of September, 1789, for claims and improvements, the said sum being for the purpose of paying the expenses of exploring the said waters, for which the said Commissioners are to be accountable.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Willing and Mr. Wilkins be added to the committee appointed the twenty-fourth of last month, on the claim of Richard Peters, Esquire, to certain city lots, and that the said committee be instructed to consult Judge Shippen relative to the said claim.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 2nd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Benjamin Elliott,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	James Martin,	
Richard Willing,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Henry Taylor,	Zebulun Potts, and	
William Findley,	John Wilkins,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Charles Biddle, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds, for contingent expences, for which sum he is to be accountable.

In favor of Francis Bailey, for the sum of sixty-two pounds one shilling and four pence, being the amount of his account for printing work done for Council from the tenth day of November, 1789, until the thirtieth of October, 1790, inclusively, and for newspapers furnished for the use of Council from the first of January, 1789, untill the present time, according to the Comptroller and Register General's reports of the first instant.

Council taking into consideration the opinion of Judge Shippen on the claim of Richard Peters, Esquire, to certain city lots in right of Adrian Vroesen's original purchase of land from William Penn, Esqr.,

Resolved, That Richard Peters, Esquire, and the officers of the Land offices be requested to attend Council on Saturday next, at ten o'clock, in order to ascertain what lot or lots Mr. Peters was entituled to at the time of exhibiting his claim.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 3rd, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esq'rs.
Amos Gregg,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
William Findley,	John Wilkins, and	
Henry Taylor,	Lord Butler,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Richard Willing, Esquire, for the sum of seventy-five pounds, being the amount of his account for one hundred days attendance in Council, between the sixth day of August and the second day of December, 1790, the last day included.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of William Bradford the elder, for public monies received and expended by him as chairman of the State Navy Board, between the twenty-sixth of February and the second of September, 1778, by which it appears that the sum of three hundred and fifty-five pounds ten shillings and two pence, specie, is due to the said William Bradford.

Of the said William Bradford, for monies paid for repairing arms and the expences of drummers and fifers, &ca, for his company of Philadelphia Associators, betwen the twenty-sixth day of May, 1775, and June the twenty-fifth, 1775, by which it appears that the sum of one hundred and seven pounds nineteen shillings and three pence, is due to the said William Bradford, upon the said account.

Of the said William Bradford, for printing work done for the Trustees of the General Loan office of the late Province of Pennsylvania, between the fourteenth of August, 1760, and the twelfth of April, 1764, amounting to three pounds fifteen shillings.

A return of the General election of Sheriffs and Coroners, held in the county of Huntingdon, was received and read, by which it appears that John Patton and Alexander Ramsey, were duly elected Sheriff, and William Enyeart and Lodowick Sell, Coroners of the said county; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That John Patton be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and William Enyeart, Coroner, of the said county.

It being represented to Council that John Patton, Esquire, Sheriff, and William Enyeart, Coroner of the county of Huntington, are prevented from attending in Philadelphia to enter into recognizance, and to give bonds with sureties, as the act of Assembly of the fifth day of March directs; thereupon,

Resolved, That a commission under the great seal be issued to Robert Galbraith and Andrew Henderson, Esquire, of the said county, authorising them to take from the said Sheriff and Coroner, the said recognizances and bonds in the manner prescribed in and by the said act of Assembly, and that the said commissioners make a report to Council of their proceedings in the premises.

On motion of Doctor Gregg, seconded by Doctor Wilkins, it was

Resolved, That Tuesday next be assigned for the further consideration of the motion which was made on the day of last, for a general pardon of persons who have been attainted of high treason.

Upon farther consideration of the petition of William Rosell, now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia for larceny, praying that Council would be pleased to remit the fine and the punishment of three years hard labour, to which he hath been sentenced by the Mayor's Court for the said offence, and a committee of Council who are appointed to enquire into the situation and character of the prisoner, having reported from the information of Mr. Reynolds, that since his confinement he has behaved himself well, and been useful in discovering to the jailor a conspiracy among some of the prisoners for breaking the jail and escaping, it was

Resolved, To pardon the said William Rosell, on condition of his leaving the State immediately not to return.

John Williams and John Canan, Esquires, were offered and accepted as sureties for John Patton, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Huntingdon, and Benjamin Elliot and Joseph Norris, for William Enyeart, Coroner, of the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 4th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	James Martin,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Richard Willing,	Benjamin Elliott,	
William Findley,	John Wilkins,	
Henry Taylor,	Lord Butler,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Captain Peter Smith, for militia services in warning his company to attend musters in 1783, 1784 and 1785, fourteen days, at ten shillings p'r day, amounting to seven pounds.

Of Patrick Cavenough, for the depreciation of his pay as a private soldier in the Pennsylvania line of the late Continental army, from January, 1777, to July, 1780, amounting to one hundred and seven pounds ten shillings.

Of Colonel David Jenkins, late of the tenth battalion of the militia of Lancaster county, for his services in 1777, 1778, and 1779, in taking an account of male white inhabitants, and classing the said battalion, also executing the orders of Bartram Galbraith, Lieutenant of said county, from time to time, amounting to fourteen pounds ten shillings and six pence.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds, in full of his account for his wages as Doorkeeper to Council, for the month of November, 1790.

Agreeably to the resolve of the second instant, Richard Peters, Esquire, and the officers of the Land office attended, when Council proceeded to the further consideration of the petition of Richard Peters, Esquire, for an equivalant in value for city lots claimed under Adrian Vroesen's original purchase of 5000 acres of land from William Penn, Esquire, and it appearing to the satisfaction of this Board, that on the fifth day of July, Anno Domini, 1781, the said Richard Peters exhibited his claim to the said lots together with the deeds and papers in support thereof, and Council having by their resolution of the first day of July, 1788, admitted and allowed his said claim.

Resolved, That the claim of the said Richard Peters, Esquire, to an equivalent in value for the lot originally falling on High or Market street, be and the same his hereby allowed and confirmed.

And it further appearing to Council, that on the said fifth day of July, 1781, when the said petition was exhibited, certain ground situate on the north side of Market or High street, between eighth and ninth from the river Delaware, in the said city, being in breadth on the said High or Market street, one hundred and thirty-two feet, and in length or depth three hundred and six feet, which ground hath since been sold by the Commonwealth to Alexander Qurrier, William Hunter, Isaac Melcher, David Kennedy, John Davidson and John Steinmetz, was vacant.

Resolved, That a writ be framed and issued by the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, (in which the lot and premises last mentioned shall be particularly described,) directed to the Sheriff of the county of Philadelphia, commanding him to summon a Jury of twelve good and lawfull men, who being sworn or affirmed shall proceed to assign to the said Richard Peters, Esquire, so much of the unappropriated lots within the city of Philadelphia, as shall in their judgment, (having due regard to quantity and quality,) be equal in value to the said last mentioned lot

Resolved, That the farther consideration of the claim of Richard Peters, Esquire, for an equivalent for a lot originally falling on Front street, be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec'r 6, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Benjamin Elliott,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Lord Butler,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Henry Taylor,	Zebulun Potts, &	
James Martin,	John Wilkins,	

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Captain John Robinson, for the pay of his company of Berks county militia for the month of October, 1781, amounting to £252 8 8, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 7th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Benjamin Elliott,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Lord Butler,	
Richard Willing,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Henry Taylor,	Zebulun Potts, and	
James Martin,	John Wilkins,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Chevalier, for the sum of £36 15 3, being in full of his account for one quarter's salary as Clerk in the office of the Register General from the 7th of September last, until the sixth of the present month, according to the Comptroller and Register General's reports of this day.

In conformity with the act of General Assembly, passed the 5th day of March last, entitled "An Act relating to the securities to be given by Sheriffs and coroners," Nathan Scolfield, Coroner of the county of Chester, and Joseph Lorentz, Coroner of the county of Northumberland, appeared before Council and entered into recognizances for the faithful performance of their respective offices according to law, in the following sums, that is to say: Nathan Scolfield, in the sum of one thousand pounds, and Joseph Lorentz, in the sum of five hundred pounds, and the following named gentlemen were offered and accepted as their sureties: for Nathan Scolfield, Joseph Moore and John Davis and for Joseph Lorentz, Christian Gettig and Francis Roth.

On motion of Mr. Findley,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Alexander McLene, Esquire, for the sum of thirty pounds, payable according to a resolution of the General Assembly passed the 21st day of November, 1788, payable out of any unappropriated monies in the Treasury, being on account of his services as a Commissioner for reviewing the road from Bedford to Pittsburgh, under an appointment from Council dated the 14th of March, 1789.

The consideration of the motion for a general pardon of persons who have been attainted of treason in the late war, was postponed.

A transcript of the record of the conviction of Joseph Edward Jones, in the county of Northumberland, for the murder of Dennis Leary, was read; and on motion, it was

Resolved, That Thursday next be assigned for the consideration thereof.

On motion of Doctor Gregg, and on considering the report of the officers of the Land office upon the application of Thomas Paul, as attorney in fact for the heirs of Thomas Harding, for an equivalent in value for a lot of ground in the city of Philadelphia, granted to the said Thomas Harding, by Patent from William Penn, Esquire, dated the 7th of the 4th month, 1684, containing in breadth fifty feet, and in length or depth three hundred and six feet, bounded southward by Mulberry street, and eastward by the Twelfth street from the river Delaware, which lot has been sold by the Commonwealth to James Budden.

Resolved, That Council are of opinion the claim of the petitioner in behalf of the heirs of the said Thomas Harding, deceased, is well founded, and that he is entitled to an equivalent for the lot above described, in the mode prescribed in and by the Act of Assembly passed on the 10th day of April, 1781.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 8th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,
Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,
Henry Taylor,	John Wilkins, &
James Martin,	William Findley.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of Council that the Comptroller General ought, and he is hereby directed forthwith to furnish the Register General with all such accounts, transcripts and documents as the said Register General is authorized by law to require, and particu-

larly with those which are referred to in the letter from the Register General to Council, dated the 23d day of November last, as being essential to enable him to discharge his official duties.

Resolved, That if the Comptroller General, by reason of his other duties, shall be unable personally to attend to the object of the preceeding resolution, it is the opinion of Council that he ought and he is hereby directed to employ a clerk or clerks in preparing the said accounts, transcrips or documents, so that as little delay as possible may attend a compliance with the preceeding order of this Board.

Resolved, That the Register General be, and he is hereby directed to lay before the Board a general statement of the finances of the Commonwealth as soon as conveniently may be.

Resolved, That in the opinion of Council it is incumbent upon the Register General and the Comptroller General as well from a sence of duty, as to prevent the injury which must otherwise affect the public interests, to manifest a sincere disposition to comply with the spirit and meaning of the several acts of Assembly touching their respective offices; and that a due regard to the public service demands an active co-operation in the plans and proceedings of departments so intimately connected with each other in the objects of their institution.

Resolved, That the orders and directions given in the preceeding resolutions shall by virtue of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, indemnify and save harmless the said Comptroller General and Register General in paying obedience thereto.

The further consideration of the claim of Richard Peters, Esquire, to a second lot in right of Adrian Vroesen's original purchase of 5000 acres of land from William Penn, Esquire, was postponed until Friday next.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of John Patton, Esquire, for a lot of ground in the city of Philadelphia, situate on the west side of Front street, adjoining the river Schuylkill, and between Walnut and George streets, containing about four acres, three-quarters and thirty perches of land sold to the Commonwealth for the purpose of erecting a gunpowder magazine thereon, for the sum of £565 in specie, which at a discount of 15 per cent. amounts to the sum of £664 14 1 in paper money.

Of William Semple, Esquire, for an order of Council dated the twenty-third day of November last, returned to be cancelled, and a certificate to issue in lieu thereof for the sum of £63 1 5, being due to him for 588 days services as Sub-Lieutenant of City and Liberties of Philadelphia, between the 10th day of June, 1777, the time of his appointment, and the 20th of December, 1779, the time of his resignation.

Of Felix Mellon, for his services in taking care of, and issuing powder and lead to the militia of the county of Bedford, while employed in the defence of the frontiers of said county at sundry

times between the 16th of May, 1782, and the 5th of June, 1783, amounting to £37 10 0.

Of Benjamen McKuvan, for his services in raising two brigades of waggons in the year 1779 and 1780, for the public service, by order of Andrew Boyd, Waggon Master General of Chester county, in pursuance of a resolution of Council of the 28th of September, 1781, amounting to £8 14 6.

Of Arthur Drinnen, for 18 months pay as a private in Cap'n Thomas Campbell's company of the 4th regiment of the Pennsylvania Line in the late Continental army, amounting to £45 0 0.

A letter from Abraham Cable, Esquire, informing Council that at the last General Election held in the county of Bedford, he was elected to represent that county in the General Assembly, and requested that Council would be pleased to accept his resignation of the office of Justice of the Peace which he now holds, previous to his taking a seat in the House of Representatives, was read; whereupon, it was

Resolved, To accept the said resignation.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 9th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Benjamin Elliott,
Amos Gregg,	Lord Butler,
Richard Willing,	Nathaniel Breading,
James Martin,	John Wilkins, and
Henry Taylor,	William Findlay.
Zebulun Potts,	

An invitation from the Honorable Judge Wilson, to the President and Council, to attend his introductory lecture on the 15th inst., was received and read, and it was agreed to attend.

The Comptroller General and Register General reports upon the following, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Captain Spatts, for the pay of his company of the militia of Berks county, for militia services in the year 1781, upon which a ballance of £130 17 2, appears to be due to the said company.

Of Captain George Rheim, for the pay of his company of Berks County militia, for militia services in the year 1781, upon which a ballance of £217 15 7, appears to be due to the said company.

The consideration of the case of Joseph Edward Jones, now under sentence of death in the county of Northumberland, for the murder of Dennis Leary, was postponed until to-morrow.

A letter from the Comptroller General of this day in answer to the letter from the Secretary, with the resolutions of Council of yesterday, was read, and a copy thereof directed to be sent to the Register General.

Upon application of Joseph Nicholson, Interpreter to the Cornplanter and his companions, now in this city, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the sum of fifteen pounds, towards defraying the expences which have been incurred in conducting the Indians to this city, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 10th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel, Miles,	Benjamin Elliott,	Esq'rs.
Richard Willing,	Lord Butler,	
James Martin,	John Wilkins, and	
Henry Taylor,	William Wilson,	
Zebulun Potts,		

Agreeable to the Comptroller and Register General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Edward Shippen, Esquire, for the sum of £59 0 0, for 59 days' attendance in the High Court of Errors and Appeals of this Commonwealth, between the 22d of September, 1784, and the third of October, 1785, as a Judge in the said Court, according to Act of Assembly passed the 28th of February, 1780.

In favor of David Evans, for the sum of £8 4 8, being the amount of his account for making a new Venetian blind, and repairing and painting an old one, and also fixing a cord, tossel, and pins thereto, in the State Senate Chamber.

In favor of Joseph Thomas, for the sum of £20 12 6, being the amount of his account for his expences in defending the title of the Commonwealth to an estate in Bucks county, which was forfeited by Joseph Dean's attainder of high treason.

The further consideration of the claim of Richard Peters, Esq'r, to a second city lot, in right of Adrian Vroesen's original purchase of 5000 acres of land from William Penn, Esquire, was postponed until Tuesday next.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the accounts of Captain George Rheim, for the pay of three men of his

company of Berks County militia, for militia services in the year 1781, amounting to £9 5 6, was read and approved.

Agreeably to the minute of yesterday, Council proceeded to the consideration of the case of Joseph Edward Jones, now under sentence of death in the jail of Sunbury, in the county of Northumberland, for the murder of a certain Dennis Learey, and the transcript of the record of his conviction being read, it was

Resolved, That a warrant under the less seal of the State be issued to Martin Withington, Esquire, Sheriff of the said county of Northumberland, authorizing and commanding him to execute the sentence of the Court upon the said Joseph Edward Jones, on Monday, the twentieth day of the present month, at the usual place of execution in the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 11th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Richard Willing,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
Zebulun Potts,	William Wilson, and	
James Martin,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Henry Taylor,		

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Benjamin Watson, for 18 months' pay due to him as a private in Captains Campbell and Zeigler's companies of the second regiment in the late Pennsylvania line, amounting to £45 0 0.

Of Daniel Ludwig, for 14 days' hire of a waggon, in August, 1776, for transporting militia baggage from Berks county to Amboy, amounting to £14 0 0.

Of Jacob Burgardt, for a rifle gun and blanket, which were lost on Long Island on the 28th day of August, 1776, when he was taken prisoner while doing duty in Captain Graul's company of militia, valued at £6 10 0.

Of John Myers, for a ballance of twelve shillings, which is due to him upon his certificate for supplies furnished for the use of the army in the year 1780.

Of the estate of John Wright, deceased, for a rifle gun lost at Fort Washington in the year 1776, valued at £5 10 0.

Of Colonel John Ewing, for a musquet furnished by him for the public service in the year 1776, which was not returned, and for which he received no compensation. Valued at £4 0 0.

Of John Herback, for repairing sundry arms for the use of Cap'n Trett's company of the York County militia, in the year 1776, amounting to £0 11 8.

Of the said John Herback, for a musquet furnished by him for public service in the Flying Camp in the year 1776, and which was lost in actual service. Valued at £2 5 0.

Of Robert Clark, for the hire of two horses for 64 days, employed in transporting militia baggage of Captain George Hay's company of Cumberland County militia, in the year 1782, amounting to £19 4 0.

Of Captain Thomas Robeson, late of the Berks County militia, for a set of colours furnished for the use of his company of militia, and for sundry militia services performed by him from April, 1783 until April, 1785, amounting to £9 0 6, by which a ballance of £5 10 6 appears to be due to the said Captain Robinson.

Council took into consideration the case of Patrick Waugh, now under sentence of death in the jail of this city, for the murder of his wife; and on motion of Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Breading, it was

Resolved, That a further respite be granted to the said Patrick Waugh, until Saturday, the eighteenth instant.

The reports of the Comptroller and Register General, by which it appears that the following accounts are not allowed by them, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Christian Madeira, for two months' pay as a private in the 1st regiment of the late Pennsylvania line, amounting to £5 0 0.

Of Leonard Ruber, for a horse furnished by him for the services of the United States, on the 7th of July, 1778.

Of Lawrence Erb, for a horse furnished by him for the service of the United States, and lost in public service.

A letter from John Hoge, Esquire, informing Council that at the last general election held in the district composed of the counties of Washington and Fayette, he has been elected to represent that district in the Senate of this State, and requesting that Council would be pleased to accept his resignation of the offices of Justices of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas, for the county of Washington, which he now holds, previous to his taking his seat, was read; whereupon, it was

Resolved, To accept the said resignation.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 13th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Martin,	Nathaniel Breading,	Esquires.
Benjamin Elliott,	William Wilson,	
Henry Taylor,	Richard Willing, and	
Lord Butler,	John Wilkins,	

A letter from Richard Butler, Esquire, informing Council that at the last general election held in the district composed of the counties of Westmoreland and Allegany, he was elected to represent that district in the General Assembly, and praying that Council would be pleased to accept his resignation of the office of Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for Allegany county, previous to his taking a seat in the Senate, was read, and it was agreed to accept the said resignation.

A similar letter from John Gloninger, Esquire, Senator for the district composed of the counties of Berks and Dauphine, was read, and it was agreed to accept his resignation of the offices of Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas, for the county of Dauphine.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, December 14th, 1790, Tuesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Richard Willing,	Benjamin Elliott,	Esquires.
Benjamin Elliott,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Henry Taylor,	William Wilson, and	
Lord Butler,	John Wilkins,	

It being represented to Council that William Wallace, Esq'r, Sheriff of the county of Washington, and Samuel Clarke, Coroner of the said county of Washington, are prevented from attending in Philadelphia to enter into recognizances and to give bonds with sureties, as the act of Assembly of the 5th of March last directs; thereupon,

Resolved, That a commission under the great seal be issued to Alexander Scott and Dr. Beard, of the said county, authorizing them to take from the said Sheriff and Coroner the said recognizances and bonds, in the manner prescribed in and by the said act

of Assembly, and that the said commissioners make a report to Council of their proceedings in the premises.

Thomas Scott and John Hoge, Esquires, were accepted as sureties for the said William Wallace, and John Hoge and Henry Taylor, Esquires, as sureties for the said Samuel Clarke.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Charles Clarke, for the sum of £15 0 0, for three months' pension due to him on the first day of May, 1789, according to the Comptroller and Register General's reports of the 13th instant.

William Brown and James Potter, were offered and accepted as sureties for Samuel Edmiston, Esquire, who was on the 4th of September last appointed Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Mifflin.

Upon the second reading of a petition from John Carmichael, of the county of Franklin, praying a remission of a fine of ten pounds to the Commonwealth, which has been imposed upon him by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the said county for keeping a tippling house, it was

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 15th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Martin, Benjamin Elliott, Henry Taylor, Nathaniel Breading,	Lord Butler, William Wilson, and John Wilkins,	} Esquires.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Daniel McClintock, for provisions purchased by him for the use of the militia of Westmoreland county, by order of Colonel Archibald Lochry, Lieutenant of that county, in December, 1777, and in January, February and March, 1778, amounting to £551 9 5 Continental money, by which a ballance of £10 0 3 specie appears to be due to the said Daniel McClintock.

Of John Barkley, for the amount of an order for £11 0 3 drawn by Henry Spyker, Paymaster of Berks county militia, on Daniel Levan, Esq'r, Treasurer of that county, for John Patton's pay for militia services, 63 days, from 17th December, 1781, until the 17th of February, 1782, which order was not paid.

Of Jacob Severts, for 17 days' pay as Quarter Master Sergeant in Colonel Sam'l Ely's battalion of Berks county militia, in the year 1781, amounting to £2 19 6.

Of Henry Armstrong, for a rifle gun which was lost in actual service in the year 1776, while doing duty as a soldier in Captain Brown's company, valued at £6 10 0.

Of Messieurs Dunlap and Claypoole, for sundry printing work done by order of Council and for newspapers furnished for the use of Council between the 28th of January and the 31st of December, 1790, amounting to £31 16 3, for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Messieurs Dunlap and Claypoole.

A letter from William Montgomery, Esquire, informing Council that at the last general election held in the district composed of the counties of Northumberland, Huntington and Luzerne, he has been elected to represent that district in the General Assembly, and requesting that Council would be pleased to accept his resignation of the offices of Justice of the Peace and President of the several Courts in Northumberland county, which he now holds, previous to his taking a seat in the Senate of this State, was read; whereupon it was resolved to accept the said resignation.

Upon further consideration of the application of Richard Peters, Esquire, to have an equivalent for the Front street lot appurtenant to the original purchase of Adrian Vroesen, in which application he requested an equivalent for the lots purchased by Thomas Leiper and others, on the south side of Market street, between Eighth and Ninth streets from Delaware, which lots were vacant at the time of making his application, and exhibiting his deeds and papers for the said lot,

Resolved, That this Board cannot grant the said Richard Peters, Esquire, an equivalent for the lots by him specified as aforesaid.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports of the 17th and 30th of November upon the account of William Webb, Esquire, late Paymaster of the State Navy Board, by which it appears to be due to the State the sum of £156 6 8, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 16, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
Henry Taylor,	William Wilson,	
James Martin,	John Wilkins, and	
Benjamin Elliott,	Zebulun Potts,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

Upon the second reading of a petition from William Fulton and Mary Boggs, who were convicted of fornication and bastardy in

the county of Allegany, and fined by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, each in the sum of ten pounds, praying remissions of the said fines, and the petitioners being recommended to Council by five Justices of the Peace of the said county, it was resolved to remit the said fines.

The fine of fifteen shillings which was imposed upon the said William Fulton, by the said court, for an assault and battery upon a certain William Boggs, was also remitted, agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

Upon the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from the Comptroller General of the 15th of September last, informing Council that the following lots in the city of Philadelphia, forfeited to the Commonwealth by the attainder of Harry Gordon for high treason, vizt: a corner lot on the south side of Walnut street and east side of Fourth street from Delaware river, being in front on Walnut street 16½ feet, and in depth on Fourth street 37 feet, with the priviledge of a three feet alley at the south end of the lot, subject to a ground rent of 13 dollars and ¾ of a dollar annually, and considerable arrears; and one other lot, adjoining the above lot, bounded on the north by Walnut street, on the east by ground late of Robert Morris, Esquire, on the west by Charles Moore's ground and part by the above described lot and alley, being 16½ feet in front and 47 feet 10 inches and a half deep, more or less, subject to an annual rent charge of £5 0 3, with arrearages thereof, remains unsold; and submitting it to Council whether it would not be proper at this time to direct the sale of the said lots,

Resolved, That the lots before described be exposed to public sale, according to law.

A letter of the 15th inst. from Charles Pettit, Esquire, Agent to support the claims of Pennsylvania before the Board of Commissioners established for settling the claims of the particular States against the United States, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 17th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
James Martin,	William Wilson,	
Richard Willing,	John Wilkins,	
Henry Taylor,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Benjamin Elliott,	Amos Gregg,	
Nathaniel Breading,		

The reports of the Treasurer, Comptroller and Register General's upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of John Shepard, for green cloth and binding purchased of him for covering sundry tables in the State Senate chamber, amounting to £13 19 8.

Of Adam Hubley, Auctioneer for the district of Southwark, for the State duty upon goods sold at auction from June 22d to October 15th, 1790, amounting to £21 8 0.

Of Alexander Graydon, Prothonotary of the county of Dauphine, for fees received for tavern and marriage licences issued since August term, 1790, amounting to £170 0 0, upon which account there appears to be due to the State a ballance of £18 1 2.

Of Daniel Broadhead, Esquire, Surveyor General of the State, for fees receiv'd in his office from the 9th of March until the eighth of June, 1790, amounting to £387 18 9.

Of the said Daniel Broadhead, for fees received in his office from the 9th of June until the 8th of December, 1790, amounting to £291 10 6.

Of David Espy, Prothonotary of the county of Bedford, for the fees received by him for tavern licences from January sessions, 1789, until the end of October, 1790, amounting to £165 12 0.

Of Francis Johnston, Receiver General of the Land Office, for fees received in the said office for depreciation lands from the 1st of May, 1787, to the 1st of May, 1789, and from the 8th of December, 1789, to the 1st of August, 1790, and for sundry expences, amounting to £86 0 0.

Of Henry Miller, Prothonotary of the county of York, for the tax upon writs issued from the 20th of March to the 20th of September, 1790, amounting to £82 4 0.

Of John Chaloner, Auctioneer of the Northern Liberties, for the State duty upon sales at auction from July 8th until October 8th, 1790, and from the 14th of October to November 15th, 1790, amounting to £110 11 1½.

Of David Stewart, for a rifle gun taken for the use of Captain John McDonald's company of Bedford county militia in the year 1776, and lost in actual service, amounting to £4 0 0.

Of James Trimble, for drawing a deed from John Patton and wife to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for a lot of ground containing four acres two quarters and thirty perches of land, whereon is erected a magazine for gun powder, amounting to £1 8 0; for which sum an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor.

Of James McLene, Esquire, for a musquet taken by Colonel James Johnston for the use of militia of Cumberland county in 1776, amounting to £1 15 0.

Of David Semple, for superintending the building of the Fort at Hanna's Town in the year 1776, by order of Messieurs Cook, Pollock and Lockry, amounting to £22 0 0.

Of Henry Sheffer, for a gun lost in actual service at Fort Lee, in the year 1776; also, a shot pouch and powder horn valued at £3 5 0.

Of James Pearson, for sundry repairs done to the State House from December, 1785, until the year 1787, under a contract with Council dated the 15th day of December, 1785, upon which account there appears to be due to the said James Pearson a ballance of £218 14 1.

Of Lieutenant Miller, for the pay of six men of his company in the sixth battalion of Berks county militia, while employed in guarding the Convention prisoners of war at Reading in the year 1781, amounting to thirty-three pounds nine shillings and four pence.

Of Lieutenant Jacob Rherers, for the pay of his company of the second battalion of Berks county militia, while employed in guarding the said prisoners of war at Reading in the year 1781, amounting to two hundred and sixty pounds sixteen shillings and six pence.

Of George Kemp, for a ballance of thirty-three pounds five shillings and ten pence, due upon his certificate for supplies furnished for the use of the army in the year 1781.

Of Frederick Ryer, for a musquet taken by James Johnston, Lieutenant Colonel of Cumberland county militia, for the use of the said militia, amounting to one pound twelve shillings and six pence.

Of Nicholas Snell, for 18 days' pay as a Surgeon in Colonel Samuel Ely's battalion of Berks county militia, from the 1st to the 18th of October, 1781, while on a tour of duty to Newtown, in the county of Bucks, under General Lacy, amounting to twenty-seven pounds.

Council took into consideration the case of Patrick Waugh, now under sentence of death in the jail of the city of Philadelphia for the murder of his wife; and, on motion of Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Wilkins, it was

Resolved, That a further repreive be granted to the said Patrick Waugh until the first day of March next.

Upon the second reading of a petition from Doctor Andrew Ledlie, of the town of Easton, for remission of a fine of five pounds to which he was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Northampton county, for an assault and battery upon a certain Henry Spering; and the petitioner being recommended to Council by four Justices of the Peace of the said county for the said remission, it was

Resolved, To remit the said fine of five pounds.

Upon the second reading of the return of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners in the county of Mifflin,

Resolved, That George Wilson be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and William Armstrong, Coroner, of the said county of Mifflin; it being represented to Council that George Wilson, Esquire, Sheriff, and William Armstrong, Coroner, of the county of Mifflin, are prevented from attending at Philadelphia, to enter into recogni-

zances, and to give bonds, with sureties, as the act of Assembly of the 5th day of March last directs; thereupon,

Resolved, That a commission under the great seal be issued to William Brown and Samuel Edmiston, Esquires, of the said county, authorizing them to take from the said Sheriff and Coroner the said recognizances and bonds, in the manner prescribed in and by the said act of Assembly, and that the said Commissioners make a report to Council of their proceedings in the premises.

Thomas Beale and Thomas Wilson were accepted as sureties for George Wilson, Sheriff of the county of Mifflin, and Samuel Montgomery and John Oliver as sureties for William Armstrong, Coroner of the said county.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports, by which it appears that the following accounts are not allowed by them, were read and approved, vizt:

Of John Briggs, for a horse which was taken from him for the service of the United States on the 13th of January, 1778.

Of John Stricker, for pay due to him as a soldier in Colonel John Shee's regiment in the late army of the United States.

Of George Whitmeyer, for his pay as a soldier in Colonel Magaw's regiment, until taken prisoner at Fort Washington.

Of John Wertz, for his pay as a soldier in Captain Tudor's company in Colonel John Shee's company.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the account of Henry Stricker, Administrator to John Stricker, deceased, for a gun taken into public service in the year 1776, valued at two pounds five shillings, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 18th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Richard Willing,	John Wilkins,	
James Martin,	William Wilson, and	
Henry Taylor,	Benjamin Elliott,	
Zebulun Potts,		

Upon the second reading of a petition from Peter Woods, of the county of Bucks, for a remission of two fines of five pounds each, which were imposed upon him by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, upon being convicted of assault and battery upon two indictments; and the petitioner being

well recommended to Council by a number of respectable inhabitants of the said county for the said remission, it was

Resolved, That the said fines be remitted.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of Lieutenant Nicholas Leibert, for the pay and bounty due to his company of the militia of Berks county, for militia services from October 17th to December 18, 1781, including two days' extra pay, amounting to one hundred and fifty-seven pounds ten shillings.

Of John Hartman, for a ballance of one pound fifteen shillings and six pence, due him upon a certificate for two hundred and sixty-two pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence, which was granted for supplies furnished for the army in 1780.

Of Reading Howell, Frederick Antis and William Dean, Commissioners for exploring the head waters of the rivers north-east branch of Susquehanna, Lehigh and Schuylkill, for money expended in the purchase of provisions, and for the payment of laborers, &c.; also, for their pay as Commissioners between the 23d of May and 31st of August, 1790, and for their services in Philadelphia in making up their report, and amounting to four hundred & ninety-eight pounds, eleven shillings and ten pence, by which account there appears to be due to the said Commissioners a ballance of three hundred and thirty-two pounds three shillings and eight pence.

Of sundry persons for materials furnished for the Gun-powder Magazine on Schuylkill, and for the workmanship of the same, and a house for the keeper, amounting to one thousand seven hundred and six pounds three shillings and seven pence.

Of John Donnaldson, Esquire, for sundries in the Register General's office, including the books for entering the certificates for Council and the Treasurer, amounting to one hundred and thirty-four pounds one shilling and four pence.

Of David Rittenhouse, Esquire, late Treasurer of the State, until the November, 1789, settled by the Register and Comptroller General the 17th instant, by which there appears to be due to the said Treasurer the sum five thousand four hundred and thirty-eight pounds six shillings.

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, in favour of Edward Burd, Esquire, one of them for the sum of twenty-three pounds fifteen shillings and three pence, for the expences of the several Judges and Prothonotary of the Supreme Court on the fall circuit of the present year, properly chargeable to the State by act of Assembly, and the other for the sum of six pounds, for the expences of Honorable Judge Atlee in coming to and returning from a Supreme Court, held at Philadelphia for the State, in September term last.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 20th, 1790.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, President.

Samuel Miles,	Lord Butler,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Nathaniel Breading,	
Richard Willing,	John Wilkins,	
James Martin,	William Wilson, &	
Henry Taylor,	Benj'n Elliott,	
Zebulun Potts,		

Resolved, That in the opinion of Council, the appointment of Charles Pettit, Esquire, as an agent to support the claims of Pennsylvania before the Board of Commissioners, established for settling the claims of the particular States against the United States, was a measure necessary in itself, is justified by the example of several other States, and has proved beneficial to the interests of this Commonwealth.

Resolved, That as the object of the above mentioned appointment has not been perfectly accomplished, Council earnestly recommend it to the first legislature under the new Constitution to make effectual provision not only for compensating the services which Mr. Pettit has already tendered, but also for the continuance of an agent of the same description, until the accounts between this State and the United States shall be finally adjusted.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Findly, for thirty-one pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from seventeenth of November to the 9th of December, and his mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favour of the Honorable William Wilson, for attendance in Council from the 9th of August to the 7th of September, and from the 10th to the 21st of December, and his mileage coming to Philadelphia in August and returning home at this time, amounting to thirty-nine pounds

In favor of the Honorable Richard Willing, for seventeen pounds two shillings, in full for attendance in Council from the 3d to the 21st of December, and eight mileages coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Miles, for one hundred and five pounds fifteen shillings, in full for attendance in Council from the 2nd of July to the 21st of December.

In favor of the Honorable Amos Gregg, for one hundred and sixteen pounds fifteen shillings, in full for attendance in Coun-

cil from the 16th of June to the 21st of December, deducting three days absence.

In favor of the Honorable James Read, for twenty-eight pounds six shillings, in full for attendance in Council from the 2d to the 22d September, and from the 29th of September to the 11th of October, inclusive, and mileage from Reading and returning.

In favor of the Honorable Henry Taylor, for forty-four pounds ten shillings, for attendance in Council from the 14th of November to the 21st of December, and mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favor of the Honorable Nathaniel Breading, for fifty six pounds five shillings, in full for attendance in Council from the 28th of October to the 21st of December, and mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favor of the Honorable Benjamin Elliott, for twenty-seven pounds five shillings, in full for attendance in Council from the 30th of November to the 21st of December, and mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favor of the Honorable John Wilkins, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-one pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the 22d of November until the 21st of December, (deducting ten days absence,) and his mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning.

In favor of the Honorable James Martin, Esquire, for thirty-seven pounds, sixteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the 15th of November to the 21st of December, 1790, and mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favour of the Honorable Zebulon Potts, for forty-three pounds ten shillings, in full for attendance in Council from the 26th of October to the 21st of December, 1790, and his mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favour of William Bradford, Jun'r, Esquire, for the sum of seventy five pounds, being an allowance to him, in full for his services in the several actions at law in which he has been engaged, in behalf of the Commonwealth, at divers times.

In favour of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary Chief Justice of the State, ending the 25th of December, 1790.

In favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, due and ending on the 25th of December, 1790.

In favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary, due and ending the 25th of December, 1790.

In favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as one

of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, due on the 18th of December, 1790.

In favor of William Hassal, for the sum of fifty pounds, towards defraying the expences of the Cornplanter and his companions, Chiefs and Warriors of the Seneca Nation of Indians who are now in this city, for which sum of fifty pounds the said William Hassal is to be accountable.

In favor of David Rittenhouse, Esquire, for the sum of five thousand four hundred and thirty-eight pounds six shillings, being a ballance due to him upon his account as late Treasurer of the State until November, 1789, as settled by the Comptroller and Register General on the 17th of this month.

In favor of the Honorable William Wilson, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and forty-nine pounds eight shillings and ten pence, being in full of his account for 93 days' services by order of Council, in endeavouring to apprehend and secure the Walkers and Doyle, and in attending the treaty with the Indians, and for cash paid for sundry Indian expences, according to the Comptroller and Register General's reports.

Upon the petitions of James Brown, confined in the jail of this city, and sentenced by a Court of Oyer and Terminer in July, 1788, to five years' hard labour, of William Stephens sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions held the 6th of September last to a servitude of three years, and a fine of thirty pounds, and a recommendation in their favor from the Inspectors of the jail, and others; being read,

Resolved, That the petitioners be and they are hereby pardoned.

Upon the petitions of William Armstrong, Patrick Cotter, Matthew McAnnally, Patrick McDermot, Catherine Armstrong and Joanna Holland, whose times of servitude are expired, being read,

Resolved, That their several fines be remitted.

The Comptroller and Register General's reports of the 17th and 20th December inst., upon the account of Timothy Matlack, John Adlum and Samuel McClay, Esquires, Commissioners appointed to view the Western waters of this State, and for their pay as Commissioners while employed in exploring the said waters, amounting in the whole to seven hundred and ninety-five pounds four shillings and three pence, and upon which a ballance of five hundred and eleven pounds nineteen shillings appears to be due them, was read and approved.

Council proceeded to the consideration of the claim of Charles Cecil, to the four-sixths part of lot No. 104 in the city of Philadelphia, appurtenant to John Brothers' original purchase of 250 acres of land from William Penn, Esquire, and the opinion of the Attorney General upon the said claim being also considered, and it appearing that in pursuance of a warrant from the late Proprietors dated the 26th of April, 1762, there was surveyed to Richard

Peters a lot of ground marked in the general plan of the city No. 105, in lieu of the lot which was appurtenant to the said purchase, and that the claim under the purchase aforesaid is satisfied so far as respects the city lot; it was, thereupon,

Resolved, To dismiss the said claim.

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